

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Internet Use Agreement

Please read this document carefully before signing.

Internet access is now available to students and teachers in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District. We are very pleased to bring this access to Norwalk-La Mirada Unified SD and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers.

Students and teachers have access to:

- 1) electronic mail communication with people all over the world.
- 2) information and news from NASA as well as the opportunity to correspond with the scientists at NASA and other research institutions.
- 3) public domain software and shareware of all types.
- 4) discussion groups on a plethora of topics ranging from Chinese culture to the environment to music to politics
- 5) access to many University Library Catalogs, the Library of Congress and ERIC.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. ***Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials.*** However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We (Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District) firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Norwalk-La Mirada Unified SD user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

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Internet - Terms and Conditions

- 1) **Acceptable Use** - The purpose of National Science Foundation Network (NSFNET), which is the backbone network to the Internet, is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District. Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities is generally not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

- 2) **Privileges** - The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. (Each student who receives an account will be part of a discussion with a Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network.) The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts. Students must log-in only under teacher supervision. Any unauthorized charges incurred by a student will be the responsibility of the student not the district.

- 3) **Network Etiquette** - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:
 - a) Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.

 - b) Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.

 - c) Keep all personal addresses or phone numbers private.

 - d) Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

 - e) Use the network in such a way that you would not disrupt the use of the network by other users.

 - f) All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

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- 4) Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

- 5) Security - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a system administrator or your District Internet Coordinator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to logon to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Internet.

- 6) Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the NSFNET Internet backbone. This includes, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses or damage to equipment.

- 7) Hold Harmless - Students understand that the use of District equipment and access to the Internet is limited to the purpose (s) authorized by the supervising teacher/administrator. **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE INTERNET IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND ANY LIABILITY FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE IS EXPRESSLY ASSUMED BY THE UNDERSIGNED STUDENT AND PARENT.** Furthermore, the student and parent agree to hold the District and its employees or agents harmless for liability incurred through the student's unauthorized use and to indemnify the District and its employees or agents should it/she/he incur any damages due to said unauthorized use.

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STUDENT

I understand and will abide by the above Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action.

Student Name (please print): _____

User Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

(If you are under the age of 18 a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement.)

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SPONSORING TEACHER

(Must be signed if the applicant is a student)

I have read the Internet Use Agreement and agree to promote this use and intent agreement with the student. Because the student may use the network for individual work or in the context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student use of the network. As the sponsoring teacher I do agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette as addressed on page 2, item 3 subsections a-f of this agreement.

Teacher's Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____