

Rock Run Elementary Student Computer Use Agreement

We are pleased to offer students at Rock Run Elementary use of the school's computer system and access to the internet. This access includes Google accounts (that may also include student email accounts.) To gain access to the internet, all students must obtain permission and must sign and return this form to the school office. In addition, we asking for permission for student photos to appear on class websites.

Persons who use Rock Run equipment to access the internet are expected to conform to the following general policies. Users are expected to read, understand, and obey these rules. Users are expected to maintain high ethical standards.

Access to the internet will enable students to explore many avenues of information while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and others responsible for minor students are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, each family has the right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

Internet Rules

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in the classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege -- not a right. Access requires responsibility.

Individual users of the school computer network are responsible for their behavior and communications over that network. It is presumed that users will comply with school standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the school is not responsible for restricting, monitoring or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers will guide students toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

The following actions are not permitted:

1. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
2. Using obscene language
3. Harassing, insulting, or attacking others verbally
4. Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks
5. Violating copyright laws
6. Using another's password
7. Trespassing in another's folders, work, or files
8. Other violations deemed unacceptable by the general standards of our school

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

Internet Guidelines

In addition to the inappropriate behaviors listed above, also included are these ground rules for the use of the world-wide-web.

1. Do not give out any personal information such as your address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number, or the name and location of our school without permission.
2. Do not enter CHAT lines. At some sites there may be an opportunity to enter a chat line. You are not to do this.
3. At some sites there are questionnaires to fill out. You are not to do this.
4. At some sites there is advertising (to help pay for the site). There may be order forms to purchase something, etc. You are not to fill out any of these forms.
5. If you enter into an inappropriate site, obtain help from an instructor immediately to get off of it.
6. Unauthorized Costs - If a student gains access to any services via the Internet which has a cost involved or if a student incurs other types of costs, the student accessing such a service will be responsible for those costs.
7. 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 other networks that are connected to the Rock Run Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, intentionally damaging or destroying data, uploading or creating computer viruses, obtaining and/or using passwords of other users, infiltrating a computer or computer system, and/or damaging the software components of a computer system.

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User Agreement and Parental Permission Form

For Elementary Student Internet Access Rock Run Elementary

As a student user of the Rock Run Elementary computer network, Iowa Falls, Iowa, I understand the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that Internet Access is a privilege, which may be revoked, temporarily or permanently, at any time if I do not follow these rules. As a user of Rock Run Elementary computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules--communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Date _____

Student Signature _____

As a parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as the Internet, Google accounts (including email). I have read and understand the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that it is impossible for Rock Run staff to monitor or restrict access to all controversial materials. Should I later become concerned about what my child is reading or viewing on the internet, I understand that I can terminate this approval by contacting the school principal.

Date

Parent Signature

Home Phone #

Name of Student (Please Print)

Grade

Address

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I/We do not want my/our child to have access to the following (please check any that apply)

Internet

Google account

Picture on website