

**Using the Internet
at
[Name of School]**

Grades 2-5

If I read these pages carefully, and my mother or father signs the second sheet, I may be allowed to use a computer at [Name of School] to look at the Internet and send messages to people around the world. But I also know that if I do not use the Internet in the right way, my teacher or Principal may need to punish me. In fact, I may not be allowed to use the Internet again at school.

I will read the rules for using the Internet that are given below and will ask an adult at my school if I do not understand what any of them mean.

- * I will be polite to other people when writing to them (or talking with them) while I am on the Internet. I will not use curse words or any language that my teacher or parent would not want me to use in my classroom.
- * I will never give my name, my home address, any personal information about me or my family, or my telephone number to anyone I write to or talk with on the Internet. I know that almost anyone I contact is a stranger to me, and that I don't share personal information with strangers no matter how nice they seem to be.
- * I know that my teacher and my Principal want me to use the Internet to learn more about the subjects I am studying in my classroom. I will not use the Internet for any other reason. For example, I will not search for a comic book site when I am supposed to be looking for something in science.
- * Because the people I write to or talk with on the Internet cannot see me, they will not know what I look like or even how old I am. When I am on the Internet, I promise never to tell people that I am someone else. And I will never send them personal information, such as a picture or my name, by using an envelop and stamp.
- * I understand that sometimes I may see a site on the Internet that has pictures or words that my teacher or parents would not want me to see. I will not try to find those sites and, if I come across one of them by accident, I will leave it as soon as I can. For example, suppose I am searching for a type of animal and find a picture that only adults should see. I quickly use my forward or backward keys to take me to another site. I will not continue to look at the site with the bad picture and will not show it to others around me. I also will not print it out or save the picture.

- * I agree that I cannot use the words or pictures I see on an Internet site without giving credit to the person who owns the site. For example, I will not copy information from the Internet and hand it in to my teacher as my own work.

- * I may be given a password--a special word that only I know. I may have to use this password to sign onto a computer or to send mail over the Internet. I know that I must never tell a friend what that password is. My password should be known only by me. And I know that I should never use a password for myself if that password belongs to someone else. For example, John asks me to loan him my password so he can send someone an e-mail message. John cannot remember what password he was given. I would not loan my password to him and would never ask to use his.

Student's Agreement

I have read the information that is written above. If I did not understand the meaning of part of it, I asked an adult to explain it to me. I agree to follow these rules at all times when I use the Internet at school.

Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian

My son or daughter, who has signed above, understands the rules that he or she is to follow in using the Internet at school. I have talked to him or her to make sure that those rules are understood. I realize that teachers and other school officials will try their best to provide only educationally-sound material from the Internet to my child and that, should objectionable pictures or information appear by accident, they will take immediate action to correct that situation. I give my permission to Montgomery County Public Schools for my son or daughter to use the Internet while on school property.

Signature

Date