

## **PARENT PERMISSION LETTER**

### **Internet Permission Form Marshall Public Schools**

We are pleased to offer students of the Marshall Public Schools access to the district computer network for the Internet. To gain access to the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST. Students 18 and over may sign their own forms.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards 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 to some people. It is our intent to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives. Marshall Public Schools has implemented Internet filtering software in an effort to block sites that have been classified as pornographic, hate, gang related or offensive language, etc. Even with safeguards in place, they are not all inclusive and 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 guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Marshall Public School's support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

### **DISTRICT INTERNET RULES**

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a 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 entails responsibility.

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

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will always be private.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers of younger students will guide them 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.

As outlined in Board policy and procedures on student rights and responsibilities, **the following are not permitted:**

Sharing confidential information about others.

1. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures.
  2. Assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition.
  3. Using obscene language.
  4. Harassing, insulting or attacking others.
  5. Engaging in practices that threaten the network (e.g., loading files that may introduce a virus).
  6. Violating copyright laws.
  7. Using others passwords.
  8. Trespassing in others' folders, documents, or files.
  9. Intentionally wasting limited resources.
  10. Employing the network for commercial purposes.
  11. Violating regulations prescribed by the Internet provider.
  12. Promoting, supporting or celebrating religion or religious institutions.
  13. Using network resources to play internet games or other non-educational entertainment.
  14. Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks.
  15. Using Chat Rooms.
- Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.
  - Please initial indicating that you have read the above agreement: \_\_\_\_\_

**The attached form must be signed by the student, parent/guardian and the advisor.**