

Community High School District 117

AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERNET ACCESS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Community High School District 117 has the ability to enhance your child's education through the use of the Internet. The Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources. The goal of the Board of Education in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Your authorization is needed before your child may use this resource.

Students and teachers may have access to:

- Limited electronic mail communications with people from all over the world
- Information from government sources, research institutions, and other sources
- Discussion groups
- Many libraries, including the catalog to the Library of Congress and the Educational Resources Information Clearinghouses (ERIC).

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. The use of inappropriate material or language or violation of copyright laws may result in the loss of the privilege to use this resource. You are legally responsible for your child's actions.

The District takes precautions to prevent access to materials that may be defamatory, inaccurate, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate in the school setting: however, it is impossible to control all material. Ultimately, you are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that your child should follow. To that end, District 117 supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to authorize Internet access.

Please read and discuss this information with your child. Sign the Authorization form and return with your registration materials.



Gregg Henning
Director of Technology

Community High School District 117

INTERNET ACCESS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Terms and Conditions

1. **Acceptable Use** - Access to the District's Internet must be for the purpose of education or research and be consistent with the educational objectives of the District.
2. **Privileges** - The use of the District's Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in cancellation of those privileges. The Director of Technology and Assistant for Student Activities and Operations will make the initial determination regarding whether or not a use has violated this Authorization and will make a recommendation to the Principal and/or Designee whether access is to be denied, revoked, or suspended at anytime: the action of the Principal and/or Designee is final.
3. **Unacceptable Use** - The User is responsible for his/her actions and activities involving the network. Examples of unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to:
 - Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts, or transmission any material in violation of any U.S. or State regulations;
 - Unauthorized downloading of software, regardless of whether it is copyrighted or devirused;
 - Game playing of any kind on the computer is prohibited;
 - Downloading copyrighted material for other than personal use;
 - Using the network for private financial or commercial gain;
 - Wastefully using resources, such as file space;
 - Gaining unauthorized access to system files, resources, or entities
 - Invading the privacy of individual;
 - Using another user's account or password;
 - Posting material authored or created by another without his/her consent;
 - Posting anonymous messages;
 - Using the network for commercial or private advertising;
 - Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material;

and

- Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.
4. **Network Etiquette** - The user is expected to abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Be polite. Being abusive in trespasses sent to others is unacceptable.
 - Use appropriate Language. Swearing, using vulgarities or any other inappropriate language unacceptable.
 - Revealing the personal addresses or telephone numbers of students or colleagues is unacceptable.
 - Electronic mail (E-mail) is not private. Personnel who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
 - The network is to be used in a way so as not to disrupt its use by others
 - All communications and information accessible via the network should be considered to be private property.
 5. **No Warranties** — The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing The District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
 6. **Indemnification** — The user agrees to indemnify the School District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of any breach of this authorization.
 7. **Security** — Network security is a high-priority. If the user identified is security problem on the Internet, it must be reported immediately to the Director of Technology or Building Principal. The problem is not to be demonstrated to other users. The users account and password is to be kept confidential. The account of another user may not be used without written permission from that individual and the approval of the Director of Technology. Attempts to log-on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the network.
 8. **Vandalism** — Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
 9. **Telephone Charges** - The district assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.

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Authorization for Internet Access

Please read carefully all information regarding Internet Access and Terms and Conditions. Complete and return this form. Keep all other information for your records.

I/We have read the **Authorization for Internet Access**. I/We understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I/We also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I/We will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, or members of the Board of Education for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the network. I/We accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I/We have discussed the terms of this Authorization with my child. I/We hereby request that my child be allowed access to the District's Internet.

Student Name (Please Print/Type) _____

Parent/Guardian Name
(Please Print/Type) _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I do not want my child to have access to the Internet.

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____