

## Internet Independent Use Agreement

Internet access, as well as other on-line resources, is available to students and staff of Ballard Community School District, providing the ability to access information that cannot easily be found any other way. This world-wide highway offers such features as electronic mail; discussion groups on a wide variety of topics; catalogs of libraries throughout the world; digital graphics, video and sound; as well as traditional text documents. The goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

Because of the breadth, scope, and free nature of the Internet, not all materials are appropriate for students. The constantly evolving nature of the network makes it virtually impossible to predict and control what students may locate. The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and carries with it certain responsibilities. Users must adhere to the following guidelines:

- The Internet will be available to all students and staff. The amount of time will depend on the number of available terminals and the curricular demand on each terminal.
- Before a student can access the Internet, this agreement must be signed by both the student and the parent/guardian and must be on file at the individual school building.
- Students will not be provided individual e-mail addresses through the school district. If a student has a personal e-mail address, the terminals may be used to access their personal e-mail account. The student must adhere to this policy when using the account at school.
- Material accessed must be educationally appropriate. Material or language that is threatening, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, or otherwise inappropriate for an educational setting is strictly prohibited for all users.
- Real-time conference features such as talk/char/Internet Relay Chat are to be used only as approved by a supervising teacher.
- All users must adhere to current copyright and license agreements when using material found on the Internet. Information given over the Internet is not confidential. Disclosure of personal information (name, phone number, address) of the user or of other people is prohibited for students.
- Students may not download files without permission of the supervising teacher.
- If a user gains access to any service that has a cost involved, Ballard Community School District is not responsible for that cost. The individual user will be responsible for any costs incurred.
- Ballard Community School District makes no guarantees as to the accuracy of information received over the Internet.
- All illegal activity is prohibited.

### Consequences:

Failure to comply with any of the guidelines presented in this agreement may result in one or more of the following consequences at the discretion of the supervising teacher(s) or administrator(s):

- Loss of Internet privileges for a specified amount of time.
- Referral to the building administration for discipline.

## INTERNET INDEPENDENT USE AGREEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read the Ballard Community School District's Internet Independent Use Agreement. I understand the guidelines and consequences and agree to comply with them. Failure to sign this agreement will mean loss of Internet privileges.

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(Student Name)

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(Student Signature)

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(Date)

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(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

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(Date)