

INTERNET AND ON-LINE SERVICES

Student and Parent Consent and Waiver Form

Valley Academy believes that the benefits to educators and students from access to the Internet and other on-line services, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far exceed any disadvantages of access. But, ultimately, the parent(s) and/or guardian of the student is responsible for setting and conveying the standards that the students should follow. Valley Academy supports and respects each family's right to decide on access to the Internet for the student.

It is the school's intent to make the Internet and on-line services available to further its educational goals and objectives. The school has made every effort to keep your child safe from illegal or offensive materials. Valley Academy cannot control the information distributed through the Internet. Staff has been trained in the appropriate use and filters are in place. A copy of the full Acceptable Use policy is available online, and the Instructor will review this policy with students in the classroom.

Your child may have personal supervised access to the Internet and some Internet information may be shown to the whole class. All Internet and other on-line services and all computer use will be under the supervision of the teacher in charge of the lesson. No chat rooms will be allowed for students. There will be no personal student E-mail accounts.

Internet or other on-line service use and all computer access are for the support of educational goals and objectives.

By signing this Consent and Waiver form, I and my parent(s) or guardian(s) have discussed and agree to the following rights and responsibilities:

1. I will limit my use of Internet and on-line services and computers in school to the educational objectives established by my teachers.
2. I will follow the rules of network etiquette, which include the use of appropriate language and polite responses.
3. I will not share my home address or phone number with another user.
4. I will not plagiarize information in any form. I will not violate copyright laws.
5. I will not attempt to bypass the security built into the system. I recognize that this may result in cancellation of network privileges.
6. I will print only when permitted.
7. I will not use Valley Academy network access for illegal purposes.
8. I will not use unauthorized chat areas, unauthorized floppy discs, unauthorized CDs, unauthorized external drives, download games, or download any other files to the hard drive or the floppy drives of the workstations.
9. Parent(s) or guardian(s) shall be responsible for damages, losses, or costs incurred by the school system relating to or arising from any violation of the rules by your child.

After reading the preceding page, sign and return this page to the school. Thank you.

STUDENT

I have discussed the Waiver and Consent Form with my parent(s) and/or guardian(s) for the use of network and computer services at the school. I will use these services for educational purposes only and will restrict use to classroom assignments.

Student Name (please print) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent of _____ (child's name), I have read the Consent and Waiver Form for the use of network and computer services in the classroom and have discussed this with my child. I understand that this access is for educational use only and it is the responsibility of my child to restrict use for the stated purposes of the lesson and projects assigned. I also accept full responsibility for supervision, if and when my child's use of these services is in a setting other than the school. By signing this, I give my permission for my child to use the network and computer services in a supervised personal manner for only educational purposes.

YES, I give my child permission for (check only one):

- Individual Internet access with teacher supervision and group instruction with teacher supervision.
- Only group instruction on the Internet with teacher supervision.
- NO, I do not give my child permission for Internet access in any manner. In checking this choice, I realize my child may receive an alternative assignment in an alternative classroom setting. The assignment will provide quality instruction in the same subject matter. The student will not be denied an equal education as a result of this choice. The student's grade will not be adversely affected by this alternative assignment.

Parent of Guardian Name (please print) _____

Parent of Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

TEACHER

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the Valley Academy policies governing Electronic Network/Internet use. As the teacher, I have instructed the above-named user on acceptable use of the network and proper etiquette.

Teacher Name _____

Teacher Signature _____ Date _____