



Internet Permission Form

We are pleased to offer our students access to the direct computer network for the internet. To gain access to the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to their school. Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users 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. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other material 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. Ultimately parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information services. To that end, we support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

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 rules for behavior and communication 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 network 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 communications 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, telephone, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

The following are not permitted:

Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures, Using obscene language, Harassing, insulting, or attacking others(Cyberbullying), Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks, Violating copyright laws, Using another's password, Trespassing in another's' folders, work, or files, Intentionally wasting limited resources, Employing the network for commercial purchases.

Violations may result in the loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action

User Agreement and Parent Permission Form

As a user of the Baldwin County School System computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above and stated rules-communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student Signature: _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violation. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use-setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.

Parent Signature: _____