

Port Jervis City School District Student Network/Internet User Information

New Computer Usage Policy

All students will be given access to the school's network and the Internet **unless** parents decline such access. In addition, student work may be published on the Internet **unless** parents decline such publication. See the form on the reverse side to decline such services.

The Port Jervis School District provides access to the school's network and the Internet. Access to the Internet provides students with thousands of databases, libraries and websites. Although valuable information can be gained through these sites, students and parents are warned that some materials accessible via the Internet may contain information which is inaccurate, illegal, defamatory or offensive to some people. Although filtering software is utilized, it is not 100% effective in blocking inappropriate material. Teachers attempt to monitor and direct student activity; however students may find ways to access other materials. We do believe that the educational benefits of the Internet exceed the disadvantages.

Student's use of the computer and the Internet will be monitored. Information put on the school network should not be regarded as private. It is important that students keep passwords secure and private, and not share passwords with other students. Students should avoid the sharing and transmission of personal information.

Parents and guardians are responsible for guiding and conveying standards for their sons or daughters to follow when using media and internet resources. Therefore, the District respects each family's right to decide whether or not to grant permission for access. Students are ultimately responsible for appropriate behavior on the school's computer network, just as they are responsible for their behavior in school. Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

At times the school or a teacher may wish to post student's work or picture on the school web site.

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The activities listed below are not permitted:

- Accessing, producing, posting, sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Damaging or modifying computers, systems or networks
- Plagiarizing or violating copyright laws
- Accessing others' folders or files, or restricted areas of the school's network
- Engaging in any illegal activities, gambling, or accessing material advocating illegal acts or violence.
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others.
- Accessing chat rooms or email unless assigned by a teacher for a valid educational purpose.
- Intentionally wasting limited resources such as disk space or printing supplies
- Downloading games, software applications, shareware or freeware without teacher approval.
- Using the network for commercial purposes, financial gain, or fraud.

Please return this slip *only* if you wish to deny your child access to one or both items below.

Student Name: (Print) _____

_____ I do **NOT** want my child to have access to the school's computer network or the Internet.

_____ I do **NOT** want my child's work posted on the Internet.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____