

# Bering Strait School District Internet and Electronic Mail Student Agreement



Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are pleased to be able to offer students in the Bering Strait School District access to the District computer network for electronic mail and Internet access. To obtain an electronic mail account and Internet access, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the school office.

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. Students will also be able to view the work of other students across the world and participate in cooperative projects, while providing the possible opportunity to post their own work or projects for others to see.

## **District Internet and E-Mail Rights and Responsibilities**

Internet access and e-mail usage is a privilege not a right, therefore students are ultimately responsible for proper 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 school and district rules for behavior and communications 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 and students who do not have such permission are responsible for not accessing the Internet at school. Access is a privilege, not a right.

Access entails responsibility. Individual users of the District computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is expected that users will comply with District standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. 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 will guide students to appropriate materials.

### **The following are not permitted:**

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
- Employing the network for commercial purposes
- Deliberate damage to hardware or software
- Use of District computers for illegal activities

**Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.**

# User Agreement/Parent Permission Student Form

**Please return this page to the school**

The Bering Strait School District is not liable for any harm or injury that a user may suffer as a consequence of any inaccurate information the user may obtain through the Internet and Electronic Mail Services. By entering into this User Agreement, the user agrees to be bound by this release of liability and waives any and all rights to assert claims which may arise due to use of these electronic services.

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As a user of the Bering Strait School District computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the rules stated on the reverse side of this form regarding communications over the network, while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

## STUDENT

Student Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

School/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my student to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I recognize it is impossible for the Bering Strait School District to restrict access to all controversial materials. I hereby give permission for my child to access the Internet and to publish information on web pages (except for home addresses and phone numbers) and certify that the information contained on this form is correct. This permission shall be in effect as long as this student is enrolled in the Bering Strait School District. I may at any time revoke this permission by notifying the student's school in writing.

## PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Parent/Guardian Name(Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_