

Evergreen Public Schools: Refusal of Internet Access

The Internet (World Wide Web) is one of several valuable information resources available to students in classrooms and media centers throughout the district. This document is designed to give you information on student use of the Internet, as well as the option to elect to **deny Internet AND computer access** for your child.

Access to the Internet enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards throughout the world. Internet use benefits students' education in the form of access to educational resources otherwise unavailable. In addition, the district is now beginning to use instructional sites available only through the Internet.

All Internet access across the district is filtered to help prevent access to offensive materials. Families should be aware that no filtering system is 100% effective. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using online sources.

District Internet Guidelines

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 school and district rules for behavior and communications apply.

From time-to-time the district may publish information, including student created projects, on the Web. Student personal information will be protected. Information about use of student photos in any publication, including the Internet, is available upon request from your school office.

Users should have no expectation of privacy in electronic files stored on school district computers. Network storage areas are the property of the district and may be treated in the same manner as school lockers.

Evergreen Public Schools intends to provide a tool for educational activities and does not intend to create a forum for discussion of any topic at any time. 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 other information sources such as movies, telephones, radio and potentially offensive media. Students using the district network are not permitted to do the following:

- Access offensive messages or pictures
- Use obscene or defamatory language
- Harass, insult, defame or attack others
- Damage computers, altering computer systems or networks
- Violate copyright laws
- Use another's password
- Give out his/her name, address or phone number
- Trespass in another's folders, work or files
- Intentionally waste limited resources
- Employ the network for commercial purposes

Violations may result in loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Internet access in Evergreen Public Schools is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and receive instruction. The district will provide Internet access for your child *unless parents show their objection to their son or daughter using Internet at school by completing, signing, and returning the form provided below.*

For more information about child safety on the Internet, visit www.safekids.com or call 1-800-843-5678



Please cut this portion off and return it to school if you do **NOT** want your child to have Internet access at school.

Refusal of Student Internet Access

By signing and returning this form, I am notifying the Evergreen Public Schools that **I DO NOT WANT** my child to use the Internet at school. This form must be returned to your child's school office and signed by a school administrator.

Student Last Name, First Name

School

Grade

As the parent or legal guardian of the student named above, I do **NOT** grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services, including the Internet. **I waive any claims against Evergreen Public Schools and/or its employees or directors related to my denial of access to the Internet for my son or daughter. In addition, I agree to fully indemnify the Evergreen Public Schools and/or its employees or directors and hold them harmless for any claims made by anyone which arise from my denial of my son's or daughter's access to the Internet and/or the educational and instructional resources provided by the Internet.**

Parent Name

Signature

Date

Parent E-mail Address (if available)

Student Signature

School Administrator

Date

The Evergreen Public Schools Network Code of Conduct

Use of the network, which includes the local Evergreen Public Schools computer network as well as the Internet, shall be in support of education and research that is consistent with the mission of the district. Internet use is limited to those students who abide by this Network Code of Conduct:

1. Use the network in such a way that it does not disrupt its use by others.
2. Maintain the integrity of files and data. Modifying or copying files/data of other users without their consent is not permitted.
3. Be ethical and courteous. Defamatory, harassing or obscene messages or pictures are not allowed on the network.
4. Treat information created by others as the private property of the creator. Respect copyrights.
5. Use the network to access only educationally relevant material.
6. Protect passwords and personal information from others.
7. Do not destroy, modify or abuse computer hardware or software in any way.
8. Do not "hack" the network system, including the filtering system.
9. Do not use the network for commercial purposes.
10. Respect the privacy of others. Use only your password.

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