



Internet Use Agreement 2024-2025

Please **PRINT** the information below:

Students

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian's

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Internet access is available to students and teachers at Rocky Point Charter School. We believe the internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by enabling our students to work with real-world tools and develop skills for the 21st century. To gain access to the internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form.

Access to 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 information accessible via the internet contains items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or sexually explicit. We have attempted to prevent access to this information by restricting access of younger children to specified sites, by supervising students and through training. District staff may monitor or examine all system activities at any time in order to ensure proper use of the system.

While our intent is to make internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials 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. We feel that with proper orientation and guidance our students can be mature and responsible users of the internet.

Internet and E-mail Rules

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or school hallway. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. Students who fail to abide by district rules will be subject to disciplinary action, revocation of use of the account and legal action as appropriate (cf.5125.2, 5144, 5144.1, 5145.12, 6162.6)

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Students are expected to be using the system only for school-related tasks. Personal e-mail, web-mail or use of chat rooms is not permitted. Access is a privilege – not a right. It is presumed that users will honor the agreements they have signed and will act in a responsible manner, using good judgment at all times.

During school, teachers will guide students toward appropriate materials. Individual users of the internet are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Teachers and/or library media personnel are responsible for reviewing proper procedure and rules with all students before access to computers and the network is granted. The district cannot guarantee the accuracy of information or the appropriateness of any material that the student may encounter. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio, and other potentially offensive media. (Signature required on back page)

The following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive message or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems, software, or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's I.D./password
- Illegal use of data in folders or work files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Providing personal information over the internet, such as address and phone number

In the event a student engages in any of the above-referenced activities, his/her access privileges will be revoked and any assigned work will be completed with pen and paper using traditional texts and resources. Other disciplinary measures may result depending upon the severity of the violation.

Parent Permission Form for Publishing Students' Work on the World Wide Web

We understand that our daughter or son may create art work or writing which would be suitable for publication on the World Wide Web, a part of the internet. We know that every student cannot have his or her work published and that it is an honor to have our child's work included as an educational resource for others. We further understand that the work will appear in an educational context on web pages with a copyright notice prohibiting the copying of such work without express written permission. No home address or telephone number will appear with such work. By signing this form, we grant permission for the World Wide Web publishing as described above.

User Agreement and Parent Permission Form:

As a user of the Rocky Point Charter School computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above-stated rules. I will use the network responsibly and will honor all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for the student named to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the internet. I understand some material on the internet may be objectionable, but that Rocky Point Charter School will attempt to limit access to this information. Ultimately, I must work with my child to stress the importance of appropriate and responsible behavior and that there are disciplinary and legal consequences for misbehavior.

Parent/Legal Guarding Signature _____ Date _____