

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

Serving the Communities of Alhambra, Grantfork, Highland, New Douglas, and Pierron

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We have the ability to enhance your child's education through the use of technology including electronic networks. The District's goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Your authorization is needed before your child may use this resource.

The authorization for your child to participate in the opportunities available with District technology resources includes three distinct parts that you must understand and consider separately. The three types of authorization and consent required include (1) the authorization for access and use of electronic networks and District resources, (2) the consent to publish your child's work product materials on the District website, and (3) the publication of your child's image on the District website. To provide authorization for the above opportunities, you and your child must sign the signature page of the Authorization for Electronic Network Access/Web Publication of Student Material/Display of Student Images on the District website. The signature page of the Authorization form shall provide you with the opportunities to designate your authorization and consent for each of these opportunities. Please read and discuss with your child the various sections of the Authorization form that corresponds to the different opportunities available.

Teachers may have access to:

- Limited e-mail communications with people all over the world
- Information from government sources, research institutions, and other sources
- Discussion groups
- Many libraries, including the catalog to the Library of Congress, and the Educational Resources Information Clearinghouses (ERIC)

Students may have access to:

- Information from government sources, research institutions, and other sources
- Discussion groups
- Many libraries, including the catalog to the Library of Congress, and the Educational Resources Information Clearinghouses (ERIC)

Students may have access to e-mail or other electronic messaging at school. With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. You and your child should read the Authorization for Electronic Network Access and discuss it together. The use of inappropriate material or language, or violation of copyright laws may result in the loss of the privilege to use this resource. Remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions.

The District takes reasonable precautions to prevent access to materials that may be defamatory, inaccurate, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate in the school setting. On an unregulated network, however, it is impossible to control all material and a user may discover inappropriate material. Ultimately, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow. To that end, the School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to authorize Electronic Network Access.

With respect to the publication of student work product on the District website and display of a student's image on the District website, we believe that publishing student work and pictures that include students of the District provide a wonderful opportunity for students to share their accomplishments with other children and parents for educational growth. While the District tries to provide learning and sharing and opportunities for students through the use of technology, we also want to ensure that you understand the issues and concerns that may exist with Electronic Network Access. With concern for your child's privacy and safety, the permission slip provides a place for you to indicate how your child will be identified to give your child credit for his/her work that will appear on the District website.

Because respect for the work of students and others is an integral part of academic discipline, all student material published on the District website should be the original work of the student. If more than one student created the work, then each person who participated in the creation of the work will be identified as a joint author of the work.

Please read and discuss the Authorization for Electronic Network Access with your child. If you agree to allow your child to have Electronic Network Access, sign the Authorization form and return it to your school.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Sutton
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