

PLACERVILLE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
20__ - 20__ Internet Permission/Denial Form

We are pleased to offer students of the Placerville Union School District access to the Internet and the full Suite of Google Apps. To gain access to the Internet and Google apps, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission; by not turning in this form denying access, you are agreeing that your student has your permission to access the internet. If you choose **not** to give your permission, you will need to print this form and turn it into your students' school office to have it take effect. **Please know** that if this form is not turned into the school office your student will be given access to the Internet.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and educational programs throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. 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. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, Placerville Union School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

School Internet Rules

Students are responsible for proper care of technology equipment and for good behavior on school computer networks. The same rules apply for damaged student used technology devices as they are for damaged textbooks. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. Technology devices and access to the network is provided for students to conduct research. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege - not a right, Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the school computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with school standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. We endeavor to block inappropriate matter through content filtering software on the Internet. Anyone caught trying to bypass the filtering software in order to access denied sites, may result in cancellation of the privilege of working on school computers.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on school servers will always be private. Placerville Union School District reserves the right to monitor any files that may be inappropriate.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. 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 information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

This form is a condensed version of the School Board Policy entitled *Internet Acceptable Use Policy*, which is available at the Placerville Union School District Office.

The following are not permitted:

- **Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures**
- **Using obscene language**
- **Harassing, insulting or attacking others**
- **Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks**
- **Violating copyright laws**
- **Using another's password**
- **Trespassing into another's folders, work or files**
- **Intentionally wasting limited resources**
- **Employing the network for commercial purposes**
- **Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.**

Yes, as the parent or legal guardian of the student signing below, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access Google Apps Suite and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use by setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media. I have explained this to my student as indicated by his/her signature below.

Yes, allow – nothing further needed

No, as the parent or legal guardian of the student signing below, I do not want my son or daughter to access the Internet. I have explained this to my student as indicated by his/her signature below.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

STUDENT'S PRINTED NAME _____