

NORTH BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Contract for Internet Use

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son or daughter now has, or will soon have access to the Internet. The Internet is a global information system with great and educational potential. The use of the Internet is a privilege. Students will be taught appropriate use of email and other general use of the Internet.

Internet access carries the potential to encounter information that some have identified as controversial and inappropriate for students. Information on the Internet changes rapidly and it is not possible to predict or control what students encounter. Since it's virtually impossible to control the Internet, it is the school's responsibility to teach students the skills to be responsible users of the Internet and adopt guidelines for student use of the Internet accounts. To protect the due process rights of students, guidelines will define appropriate educational and ethical uses of the Internet, identify individual student responsibilities, and outline procedures for enforcing behavior on the Internet and handling violations.

The system administrator/school personnel have the right to question inappropriate Internet activities/materials, and may close/suspend an account at any time as required. The system administrator/school personnel have the sole discretion to determine which Internet activities/materials are "inappropriate" in accordance with District Policies. However, since the student's use of the Internet may be unsupervised at times, the District is not responsible, in any manner, for a student's inappropriate use of the Internet.

Please read over these rules and indicate your understanding by signing this letter and have your son or daughter return it to his/her teacher.

The Internet user is expected to abide by the following accepted guidelines of the network:

- Be polite. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
- Respect current school policies and behavior standards.
- Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- Accurately represent yourself, but don't reveal your personal address or phone numbers of students or colleagues.
- Students do not have an expectation of privacy for any Internet activities/material, including, but not limited to, email.
- School personnel have access to email and may delete files on the network periodically.
- Respect privacy of others. Do not seek out, obtain copies of, or modify files, data or passwords belonging to others without permission or post personal communications without the author's consent.
- Respect the network. Don't use it for illegal financial or commercial gain.
- Respect equipment, system performance, resources and use of time on network.
- Join news groups only based upon your age and interests.
- Any items produced by students will not be posted to the Internet without their and/or parent/guardian permission. If permission is granted, items will be considered fair use and available to the public.

Thank you for your interest in Internet and your child's education. If you have any questions, please call the Technology Department at (631) 620-7038.

Yes, we have read and understand the North Babylon School District's Internet Guidelines. We agree the North Babylon School District is not responsible for any consequences of my child's Internet activities. Further, we hold North Babylon School District harmless for the actions of school personnel consistent with this contract or District policy.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____ School: _____