

Twin Valley Middle High School

Internet Access Permission Form & Acceptable Use Guidelines

Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines

I Main Idea:

Computers and the Internet have become an integral part of life and education. The Twin Valley School District is pleased to offer our students access to this important resource in order to further their educational goals and objectives. Increasingly teachers will incorporate technology into their lesson plans and so a clear statement and description of what constitutes "acceptable use" is necessary to assure uninterrupted student access and privileges.

II Expectations & Consequences:

Students are responsible for good behavior on the school computers just as they are in the classroom or in a school hallway; *respect for self, others and the environment* are the watchwords. Students are expected to use the computers and Internet in order to complete class assignments and further their educational goals and objectives.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY A STUDENT:

1. Access a proxy site or VPN
2. Access or download pornographic or other inappropriate sites
3. Share access to his or her own account with another student
4. Use the computer for illegal activity

The consequence of breaking any of the 4 rules listed above may be loss of computer privileges, detention, in-school suspension and in the most serious cases suspension or expulsion. This could cause enormous complications in getting assignments completed and is easily avoided by making careful and thoughtful decisions about how you use the internet.

Teachers are accountable for the care and responsible use of the computers in their classrooms. Inappropriate use of computers during class may lead to punitive action or loss of privileges at the teacher's discretion.

III Access:

To be able to use the school's computers and have Internet access students must have the attached Internet Access Permission Form (IAPF) on file with the school office. For those students under the age of 18 and those students 18 and older living under the supervision of a parent/guardian, both a legal guardian and the student must sign the form. Students not living under the supervision of a parent/guardian may sign their own forms. Upon returning the form, students will be assigned a google account which may be used to access their chromebook or be used on various school computers or their personal device.

IV Responsibility and Accountability:

With privilege comes responsibility. Students are absolutely responsible for their accounts and will be held accountable for any misuse whether it occurred *with or without* the permission of the student. For this

reason, and because it is simply good practice, it is essential that each student create a distinct password and *under no circumstances* should he or she share that information with classmates.

V Liability:

The school's computers are provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the district is not responsible for restricting monitoring or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Communications on the network are often public in nature. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers or email will be private. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly.

Within reason - and consistent with the school's policies - freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers of younger students will guide them to 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.

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As a user of the Twin Valley School District's network, I hereby agree to comply with the rules of the District's Acceptable Use Policy. I will communicate over the network in a responsible fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Name of Student: (Print Please) _____

Student Signature _____

Date: _____

As a parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I understand that individual and parent/guardians may be held for violations of internet policy. I understand that some materials on the internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use. I will set and convey standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

As the **parent or legal guardian** of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter's photograph to be used on both the school website and the school newspaper:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____