



Dear Parents:

The Wenatchee School District has the ability to enhance your child's education by providing access to current technologies. The rich sources of information available on the Internet augments the quality of education available to all students by improving their ability to do research, communicate and collaborate with others, and access content appropriate for their educational program. It is our intention to provide an environment that is safe and appropriate for all of our students. The District currently uses a commercial Internet screening product that filters Internet content and should not allow access to pages and/or sites with objectionable material. In addition, District personnel supervise Internet use to ensure that students are using the resources appropriately and design use according to the student's grade level:

Grades K-5: Google accounts are used with no external email access unless the student is participating in a 1:1 device classroom and/or under special circumstances with parent permission.

Grades 6-12: Google accounts are used including external email access which is filtered and supervised.

At the beginning of each school year, your child's teacher/school will discuss the appropriate use of technology, including the Internet. The District's Electronic Resources and Internet Safety Policy 2022 will be reviewed, and students will be expected to follow the rules established in the policy. In addition they will be educated at their grade level regarding Internet safety and cyberbullying. Your local school may require additional Internet and computer use guidelines to make the experience safe and engaging for students.

Because Internet use is an integral part of learning, all students are granted access when they enroll in our schools. If you DO NOT want your student to have access to the Internet, please complete form 2022F2 posted on our website and return to your school office, and access will be denied. If assignments require the use of the Internet, alternatives will be provided, but this will extremely limit the student's ability to participate in class.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. It is important that you and your child read the enclosed informed consent form, school district procedures and other material, and discuss it together. When your child is given an account and password to use on the computer, it is extremely important that the rules are followed. Inappropriate use will result in the loss of the privilege to use this educational tool, and other disciplinary action if appropriate. Parents, remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions.

Please stress to your child the importance of using only his or her account password, and of keeping it a secret from other students. Your child should never let anyone else use his/her password to access the network. Your child is responsible for any activity that happens in his/her account.

We also reserve the right to review email sent or received on the district system to improve student safety and system integrity.

The Wenatchee School District is using strategies described in this letter to ensure the safety of students and to restrict access to inappropriate material. However, access to the Internet brings with it the availability of material that is of no educational value, abusive, racially biased, or is otherwise offensive. While District personnel seek to ensure appropriate access, we cannot guarantee that students will not locate material that may be objectionable. We continue to rely on a student's judgment to use the Internet ethically, responsibly, and in accordance with the guidelines outlined by the District.

If you would like to review the District Electronic Resources and Internet Safety Policy with your child, it may be viewed and printed from the Wenatchee School District website under school board procedure 2022P at www.wenatcheeschools.org or you can request a copy from the District Office at (509) 663-8161, and it will be mailed to you. Your cooperation in helping students understand appropriate use of the Internet is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kory Kalahar
Superintendent, Wenatchee School District