

Please read this document carefully before signing.

Internet access is available to all students and teachers in Morrow County School District

We are very pleased to bring this access to Morrow County School District and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers have access to:

- 1) electronic mail communication with people all over the world.
- 2) information and news from NASA as well as the opportunity to correspond with scientists at NASA and other research institutions.
- 3) public domain software and shareware of all types.
- 4) discussion groups on a plethora of topics ranging from Chinese culture to the environment to music to politics.
- 5) access to many University Library Catalogs, the Library of Congress and ERIC.

With access to computers and people all over the world, comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Morrow County School District has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials, and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We (Morrow County School District) firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, as well as regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Morrow County School District user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates that the terms and conditions have been carefully read and that I (we) understand their significance.

## **Internet - Terms and Conditions**

- 1) **Acceptable Use** - The purpose of MCSDNet, MCSD's Internet access, is to support education in and among the schools in Morrow County School District by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and academic research and consistent with the educational objectives of Morrow County School District. Use of other organization's networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Publication, ownership or transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property. Use of MCSDNet for product advertisement or political lobbying is not allowed. Illegal activities are strictly prohibited. Playing games or using interactive chats, MUD's, or MOO's is not acceptable use of MCSDNet. Users are responsible for staying abreast of changes in the system by reading announcements on MCSD's web page or publications regularly.

Use of electronic mail (e-mail) on MCSDNet is restricted to accounts granted by the building administrator. The use of other e-mail systems (Yahoo, Hotmail, etc.) is strictly prohibited. Electronic mail on MCSDNet is not guaranteed to be private, MCSD reserves the right to access users email accounts if a user is suspected of violating this contract. Email relating to, or in support of, illegal activities may be reported to the proper authorities. All communication email, or otherwise, must use appropriate language. Do not swear, use profanity, vulgarities, or harass other users. Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.

Internet activities that are permitted by the Acceptable Use Policy:

- **investigation** of and communication about topics being studied in school
- **investigation** of and communication about opportunities outside of school related to community service, employment or further education.

Internet activities that are not permitted by the acceptable use policy:

- **searching, viewing or retrieving** materials that are not related to school work, community service, employment or further education (thus, searching or viewing sexually explicit, profane, or illegal materials is not permitted)
- **copying, saving or redistributing** copyrighted material (users should assume that all material is copyrighted unless noted)
- **subscribing** to any services or ordering of any goods or services
- **sharing** of the student's home address, phone number or other information
- **using** the network in such a way that you disrupt the use of the network by other users (e.g. downloading large files during prime time; sending mass e-mail messages; annoying other users using the talk or write functions.)
- **using** your MCSD account to attach to other machines for purposes not allowed on MCSDNet
- **any** activity that violates a school rule or a local, state or federal law.

Users who have any questions or doubts about whether a specific activity is permissible should consult a teacher, administrator, or MCSDNet personnel.

- 2) **Privileges** - The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. (Each student who wishes to receive an account must take part in a discussion with their building computer coordinator pertaining to the proper use of the network.) The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of Morrow County School District may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.
- 3) **Security** - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a system administrator or your District Technology Coordinator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Users may not, under any circumstances, use another individual's account. Attempts to log on to the Internet as any other user will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other systems may be denied access to the Internet.
- 4) **Vandalism** - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any other agency or network connected to the MCSDNet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses or the intentional use of applications intended to destroy data.
- 5) **Reliability** - Morrow County School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. MCSD will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via MCSD Net is at your own risk. MCSD specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

## Morrow County School District Internet Use Agreement

### ACCOUNT USER

I understand and will abide by the above Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of this agreement is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

User Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. Morrow County School District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for Morrow County School District to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSORING TEACHER

(Must be signed if the applicant is a student)

I have read the Internet Use Agreement and agree to promote this agreement with the student. Because the student may use the network for individual work or in the context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student's use of the network. As sponsoring teacher I do agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette.

Teacher's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### BUILDING COMPUTER COORDINATOR

(Must be signed. If unsure of the building computer coordinator please see the building principal)

I have instructed the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette.

Building Computer Coordinator (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_