

Telecommunications and Internet Terms and Conditions
Student Consent Agreement

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE SIGNING THE CONSENT FORM.

1. Acceptable Use - The purpose and educational objectives of using the Chesapeake Public Schools (CPS) Telecommunications network, including access to the Internet (Network), is to support research and education. All use of the Network must be in support of and be consistent with the educational objectives of CPS.
2. Privileges - Each student accessing the Network will be trained on its proper uses. Teachers and staff will make reasonable efforts to provide Internet Safety training and supervise student use of the network and Internet access. However, use of the Network is a privilege, and inappropriate use may result in a suspension and/or termination of that privilege and further school discipline, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion, if appropriate. CPS Guidelines for Acceptable Telecommunications and Internet Use (Guidelines) are attached to this Consent Form.
3. Netiquette - Students using the Network will follow the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include the following:
 - a. Be polite.
 1. Use appropriate language at all times. Inappropriate language includes obscene, abusive or threatening language and/or profanity or obscenity.
 - b. Work efficiently so that others may use this shared resource.
 2. Do not reveal any personal information about yourself or others (e.g., last name, pictures, video files, audio files, address, telephone numbers, Social Security numbers, or date of birth).
 3. Do not place any information on the Internet that might upset or embarrass you or anyone else.
4. Remember that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate various e-mail systems have access to all mail. Any messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities. The contents of all files that reside on CPS equipment are the property of CPS, and the student has no expectation of privacy for his or her use of the Network.
5. Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you identify a security problem, you must notify your teacher or the school principal. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Attempts to access the Network without permission will result in cancellation of user privileges.
6. It is important that student users develop respect and appreciation for the privilege of using the Network. To further this goal, CPS requires improper use to be reported to a teacher or principal if observed.
7. If you have any questions about the acceptable use of the Network, please contact the Director of the Department of Information Technology at (757) 482-5635.
8. Parents and/or guardians for students under the age of 18 have the right to opt out of allowing their children to have access to the Internet services provided by Chesapeake Public Schools. If a parent and/or guardian choose to exercise such option, he or she should provide written notice to the student's school principal. By signing the cover sheet to the school information packet, all students, parents and/or guardians are affirmatively stating that they have received, read and fully understand the Acceptable Telecommunications and Internet Use for Students and have reviewed and explained the policy to their children, if applicable. By signing the cover sheet to the school information packet, all students, parents and/or guardians also are agreeing that they understand that any violation of the policy may result in the student's access to the Network being suspended and/or terminated and that disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. The students, parents and/or guardians understand that Network access is a privilege as opposed to a right and may be terminated at any time. The student, parent and/or guardian further understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and that CPS has taken reasonable precautions to eliminate Network use for non-educational purposes. The student, parent and/or guardian also recognizes, however, that it is impossible for CPS to restrict access to all controversial or inappropriate materials, and the student, parent and/or guardian will not hold CPS, the School Board, or any individuals employed by CPS responsible for damages related to the student's use of the Network or for material reviewed by any student on the Network.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Student Name (Printed) _____ School _____