

ALAMANCE-BURLINGTON SCHOOL SYSTEM STUDENT INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC MAIL RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

Internet and electronic mail (e-mail) access privileges are available as appropriate to students in the Alamance-Burlington School System. To use the Internet and e-mail a student must sign this form (a parent or guardian must also sign if the student is under the age of 18). Return this form to school. Students without a signed form will not be granted access privileges.

Internet users can explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with other Internet users around the world. This network is for students and staff to conduct research, share resources, and communicate with others. Some material on the Internet is not appropriate for student use. Students must use good judgment and follow general school rules for behavior and communications while using the Internet.

District Internet and E-Mail Rules

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or school hallway. What is done on the network is often seen by other people - just like a postcard. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research, communicate with others, and share resources. Access to network service is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required for students under 18 years of age. Access is a privilege - not a right.

Individual users of the district computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is understood that users will follow district standards and honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond explaining the standards, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network, although it reserves the right to do so.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to check system integrity and be sure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers are private.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers will guide students toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families have the same responsibility for such guidance as they guide student use of the Internet, television, telephones, movies, radio, and other potentially offensive media. Individual users of the Internet are expected to follow the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. The following are not permitted:

1. Damaging computers, computer systems, software, computer networks, or data belonging to someone else
2. Using another person's user id and password
3. Sending or displaying offensive messages, pictures, or videos
4. Using obscene language
5. Harassing, insulting or attacking others
6. Unauthorized distribution or copying of copyrighted materials and/or software
7. Unauthorized or illegal use of data in folders or work files
8. Intentionally wasting limited resources
9. Employing the network for commercial purposes
10. Revealing the full name, personal address, or telephone number of any student or school staff member

In the event a student engages in any of the above-referenced activities, his/her access privileges may be revoked and other disciplinary and/or legal measures may result.

Alamance-Burlington School System Student Internet and Electronic Mail Contract and Parent Permission Form

I agree to the above-stated rules for using the Internet and e-mail. _____

(print student name)

(ID#)

Student User Signature _____ Date _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for the student named to access the Internet and e-mail. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations, so I have reviewed the rules above with this student. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but there is also material of educational value. I accept responsibility for guiding this student -

setting and conveying standards for this student to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring electronic information and media. Permission will remain in effect unless or until I request in writing that it be revoked.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature_____ Date_____