

FALLBROOK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Internet and Electronic Mail Permission Form

We are pleased to offer students of the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District access to the district computer network for instructionally guided electronic mail and the Internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the School Office.

E-mail and the Internet will enable students to access information in support of curriculum through thousands of libraries, databases, and other information sources while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. While the District supplies Web Filtering, families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

District Internet and E-Mail Rules

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is 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. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the district computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with district standards/rules and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of district standards/rules, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

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

Within reason and as required by law, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward 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.

As outlined in Board policy and procedures on student rights and responsibilities (BP/AR 6163.4), copies of which are available in school offices, the following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures.
- Using obscene language.
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others.
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks.
- Violating copyright laws.
- Using another's password.
- Trespassing in another's folders, work or files.
- Intentionally wasting limited resources.
- Employing the network for commercial purposes.

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

User Agreement and Parent Permission Form

As a user of the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District's computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules-communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my child to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use – setting and conveying standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Please Initial Parent Consent Form after review