

Dear Parents:

(School Name) is part of Rogue River School District No. 35's computer-based communication network that connects all Rogue River School District #35 schools to each other and to the rest of the world through the Internet. Students may access this network upon written consent of a parent. The purpose of this letter is to explain the network and its services so that you will be able to decide if you wish to give permission for your student to participate in the use of this technology.

The Internet is a system which links networks creating a large and diverse communications network. It gives access to hundreds of libraries, databases and organizational web pages. With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. It is important that you and your student read the enclosed Acceptable Use Guidelines which summarize Rogue River School District #35 Electronic Communications System Administrative Regulation and discuss these requirements together before signing the agreement form. Inappropriate system use will result in discipline up to and including expulsion from school, suspension or revocation of your student's access to RRSD35-NET and/or referral to law enforcement officials.

It is our goal to prepare students for the future by providing them with an opportunity to learn how to use this global information network. All of our classrooms will have times when they are accessing information from the Internet totally teacher directed. It is important that you understand why we require your permission before your child is allowed individual access to the Internet for individual research projects.

As a class activity, Internet access will normally be supervised by a teacher; however, due to the nature of independent research and the variety of information available, the district cannot provide continual, one-on-one supervision. District and school links help direct students to appropriate sites; and we have filtering software in place that does block inappropriate material as stated in the Children's Internet Protection Act. We will monitor closely and continue to seek the most current methods to prevent student access to inappropriate materials. However, your student may inadvertently gain access that is not approved by the school district.

Although the district is committed to practices that ensure the safety and welfare of system users, including the use of technology protection measures such as Internet filtering, please be aware that there may still be material or communications on the Internet that district staff, parents and students may find objectionable. While the district neither encourages nor condones access to such material, it is not possible for us to eliminate that access completely.

Attached to this letter are the following important documents:

1. The Acceptable Use Policy Student Guidelines which summarize the district's Electronic Communications System Acceptable Use administrative regulation;
2. An agreement for your student to read and sign stating his/her agreement to follow the district's Electronic Communications System administrative regulation. This agreement requires your signature. It will remain in effect while your student is enrolled at [School Name]. If your student is in elementary school, the form requires only your signature stating you have discussed the administrative regulation with your student.

Please review these materials carefully with your student and return the attached agreement form to the [school office] indicating your permission or denial of permission for your student to participate in the district's electronic communications system.

If you have any questions regarding these materials or this letter, please contact me at 541-582-____ for further clarification.

Sincerely,

[Principal]