

# **Student User Agreement for the Wilmot School District Network/Internet**

*Please read the following carefully before signing this document. This is a binding document.*

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

The Network/Internet is an electronic highway connecting millions of computers all over the world and billions of individual users. Students have access to:

1. Information and news from many sources
2. Public domain and shareware software of all types.
3. An unlimited amount of valuable research materials.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. However, it is the school district's belief that the valuable information and interaction on these networks far outweigh the possibility that a user may locate material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the district. Internet users, like traditional library users, are responsible for their actions in accessing online resources. In addition, the smooth operation of the Network/Internet 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/Internet resources. If a user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. The signatures at the end of this document are binding and indicate that the parties who signed it have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

## **Internet – Terms and Conditions**

1. Acceptable Use – The purpose of providing Network/Internet resources is to support research and collaboration between Wilmot School students and school personnel, and information resources worldwide. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Wilmot School District. Use of other organization's network and computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Students may not intentionally waste computer resources.
  - Students may not use the network for personal financial gain or commercial purposes.

- Students may not engage in personal business that is unrelated to the mission of the school or the performance of their job.
  - Students may not write, use, send, download, or display obscene, threatening, harassing, or otherwise offensive messages or pictures, including pornography.
  - Students may not use the equipment or the network for any illegal activities, including the violation of copyright laws and software piracy.
  - Students may not load or copy any software or other programs to or from school equipment unless an authorized party (e.g., the network administrator) explicitly grants permission. This includes bringing in outside disks to use in the classroom.
  - Students may not disclose anyone else's personal information (i.e., address, phone number or confidential information), including and especially that belonging to community members, staff, students and/or their families.
  - Students should be kind and polite when using the Internet.
  - Students are not allowed to use software that is not property of the school.
2. **Privileges** – The use of Network/Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use can result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrator will deem what is inappropriate use and his/her decision is final. Also, the system administrator may close any account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of the Wilmot School District may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts and/or privileges.
3. **Warranties** - The Wilmot School District, and the ISP (Internet Service Provider) make no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Wilmot School District and the ISP will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by it's own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via Network/Internet resources is at your own risk. The Wilmot School District and the ISP specifically deny any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
4. **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 Network/Internet, you must notify the system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account. Attempts to login to the Network/Internet as a system administrator will result in a cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Network/Internet.
- Students may not compromise the security of the Network/Internet by allowing access to software by unauthorized users.
  - Students may not engage in practices that threaten the integrity of the Network/Internet.

- Students may not use anyone else's password, nor may they share their password with others. This includes posting a password where someone else can use it.
  - Students may not trespass into anyone else's folders, documents, or files.
  - Students should log off their computer when not in use.
5. **Vandalism** – Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Network/Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet backbone.
6. **Acceptance of Contract Terms and Conditions** – All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to the Wilmot School District and their ISP. These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersede all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties. These terms and condition shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of South Dakota, and the United States of America.

With the start of a new school term, this student agreement, along with the attached consent form will be sent home with each student enrolling in the Wilmot School District. Your parental signature on the consent form is necessary if you want your student to have access to the Internet/Network before returning it to the school where it will be kept on file.

# Computer Lab Rules

--Students are required to abide by all areas covered under the Student User Agreement.

*Some of these areas are:*

--Students are required to abide by the Student Internet/Network User Agreement.

--Students are to give themselves a unique password and share it with no other person.

--Students are not allowed in the computer labs before 8 a.m. unless authorized by school personnel.

--Students are not allowed on the Internet unless they are supervised by an authorized adult.

--Students are not allowed to make changes to the computer settings that are installed on the machines.

--Students are not allowed to hack into other people's files or computer programs.

--Students are not allowed to use inappropriate or obscene language.

*(Computer Lab supervisors must observe or witness the above violations. Hearsay from students will not constitute or prove guilt.)*

## Punishments for Misuse of the Internet/Network and Computers

### First Violation:

—The student will lose the use of the Internet and computers for 30 school days.  
(Other than for classroom use.)

—The student will lose all study hall privileges (signouts, milk, pop, juice, magazines, newspapers, etc.) for 30 school days.

### Second Violation:

—The student will lose the use of the Internet and computers for 90 school days.  
(Other than for classroom use.)

—The student will lose all study hall privileges (signouts, milk, pop, juice, magazines, newspapers, etc.) for 90 school days.

### Third Violation:

—The student will not be allowed to use the Internet, network, or computers (other than for class) for the remainder of the school term.

—The student will lose all study hall privileges (signouts, milk, pop, juice, magazines, newspapers, etc.) for the remainder of the school term.

*Severe violations may result in the student being turned over to the proper authorities.*

These violations do not include the use of the computer labs during the evening.

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We (student and parent/guardian) have read and understand the Wilmot School District Student User Agreement. We further understand that any violation of the regulations may constitute a criminal offense. Should the student commit any violation of this agreement, the said student's privileges may be limited or revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I authorize use of the school's Internet program.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not authorize use of the school's Internet program.

Parent's/Guardian's Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Full Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Technology Coordinator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_