

COMPUTERS, COMPUTER NETWORK, AND RELATED TECHNOLOGY

Robein District 85 provides access to a variety of technologies, electronic devices, and software in order to promote educational achievement. The use of such devices is a privilege and inappropriate use will result in a loss of privileges and disciplinary action ranging from detentions to expulsion, and possible legal action. Examples of inappropriate use would be:

1. Using the network for illegal activity, violating copyright laws, or transmitting material in violation of state or federal regulations.
2. Unauthorized downloading of software.
3. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities.
4. Using another person's password.
5. Posting anonymous messages.
6. Accessing, submitting, posting, or publishing or displaying obscene, profane, sexually oriented, violent, threatening, racially offensive, or illegal material.
7. All other inappropriate uses listed in the District's Acceptable Use Policy.

Violations: 1st – May be removed from computers for 1 week.

2nd – May be removed from computers for one month.

3rd – May be removed from computers for the remainder of the year.

Only those students who have signed and returned proper authorization forms available from their teachers are allowed to use the Internet and other electronic devices.

Users are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Do not reveal personal address and passwords of classmates or district personnel.
2. Use appropriate language.
3. Recognize that e-mail is not private.
4. Be polite. Do not become abusive.

ELECTRONIC NETWORKS

The School Board's goal is to include electronic networks, including the Internet, in the District's instructional program in order to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The School District is not responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable when using the network, or for any information that is retrieved via the Internet. Furthermore, the District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

Curriculum

The use of the District's electronic networks shall (1) be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the District as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the student, and (2) comply with criteria for the instructional materials and library-media center materials. Teachers may use the Internet throughout the curriculum.

The District's electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use.

All users of the District's computers and related technology shall maintain the confidentiality of student records. Reasonable measures will be taken to protect against unreasonable access and loss of confidential student information.

Acceptable Use

All use of the District's electronic network must be (1) in support of education and/or research, and be in furtherance of the School Board's state goals, or (2) for a legitimate business purpose. Use is a privilege, not a right. General rules for behavior and communication apply when using electronic networks. The District's *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* contains the appropriate uses, ethics, and protocol. Electronic communications, downloaded or added materials, including files deleted from a user's account but not erased, may be monitored or read by school officials. Each District computer with Internet access has a filtering device that is designed to block entry to visual depictions that are (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3) harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by the children's *Internet Protection Act*.

Visiting Inappropriate Sites

Students who accidentally click on an inappropriate site should notify the teacher immediately. Failure to do so may result in removal from the computer and other disciplinary action ranging from verbal warning to expulsion. Students who knowingly visit non-approved sites will be subject to the following:

- 1st – May be removed from computers for 1 week.
- 2nd – May be removed from computers for one month.
- 3rd – May be removed from computers for the remainder of the year.

The administration reserves the right to carry out greater or lesser discipline if deemed necessary.

Authorization for Electronic Network Access

Before a student may use the Internet, he/she must agree to comply with established policy as evidenced by his/her written signature. A second signature of a parent/guardian is also required before the privilege to use the Internet is granted to the student. The failure of any student to follow the terms of the Authorization for Electronic Network Access or other terms addressed in this policy will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

Student Electronic Access Contract for 2009-2010

Directions: After reading the Robein School Authorization for Electronic Network Access Policy, please complete the appropriate portions of the following contract completely and legibly. The signature of a parent/ guardian is also required. Please return the completed contract to your classroom/homeroom teacher.

I have read the Robein School Authorization for Electronic Network Access Policy. I understand and will abide by the stated terms and conditions for Robein School. I further understand that violation of Internet regulations is unethical and may constitute criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my computer access privileges may be revoked and additional school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Student Name (Please Print): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Robein School Authorization for Electronic Network Access Policy. I understand that Internet access is designed for educational purposes and that the Robein School faculty and administration have taken available precautions to eliminate controversial materials, and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired by my child on the network. I hereby give my permission for my child's use of the Internet and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent's or Guardian's Name (Please Print): _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Evening Phone Number: _____

Date: _____