

INSTRUCTION

Dear Parents:

Because of your student's enrollment this semester in _____ (name of course _____), he or she has the opportunity to access the Internet on one of the district's computer systems. Your permission is required to permit the creation of this account and to allow your student to use the Internet.

The Internet is a global resource, a large and diverse network which has been created by linking smaller computer networks. Among other advantages, your student will be able to use it to communicate with and receive information from other students, schools, colleges, corporations and organizations around the world. The Internet, through electronic mail (e-mail), the World Wide Web (WWW) and other facilities, will allow your student to reach out and share information and ideas, learn concepts and research subjects on a wide diversity of topics from different cultures, groups, organizations and individuals. These are significant learning opportunities which can help to prepare your child for the future.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. It is important that you and your student read the enclosed informed consent form, school district procedures and other material, and discuss it together. When your child is given an account and password to use on the computer, it is extremely important that the rules are followed. Inappropriate use will result in the loss of the privileges to use this educational tool and other disciplinary action if appropriate. As parents or guardians, remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions.

The Pasco School District has established procedures and rules regulating the materials that students may search for on both the Internet and the district's internal networks and electronic information systems, but please be aware that there are unacceptable and controversial materials and communication on the Internet which your child could access. While the district does filter Internet content, I encourage you to consider the potential of your student being exposed to inappropriate material in your decision of whether or not to sign the informed consent form. If you have any questions, please contact me at _____ (phone number) _____.

If you would like your student to be able to take advantage of this educational opportunity, please sign and return the **Student User Access Informed Consent Form**, which is found on the last page of this packet, to me as soon as possible. You may keep the rest of this packet for future reference.

Sincerely,

Student User Access Informed Consent Form

In consideration for the privilege of using the district's network and computer systems and computer systems and in consideration for having access to the public networks, we, the undersigned, hereby release the Pasco School District (including, but not limited to, its administration, teachers and staff), the Washington School Information Processing Cooperative (WSIPC), and all other intermediary providers and operators, if any, and any institutions with which they are affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from our student's use, or inability to use, the Washington Education Network (WEdNet) and the Internet. We have read and understand the Pasco School District acceptable use policy and agree unconditionally to abide by it.

Student's Name: _____

ID Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Student's Signature Date

Parents' Name: _____

Address (if different): _____

Phone (if different): _____

Parent's Signature Date