

Parent Permission Letter

District Network, Internet and Electronic Mail Permission Form
Crow-Applegate-Lorane School District 66

We are pleased to offer students of the Crow-Applegate-Lorane School District access to the district computer network, Internet, and e-mail for school related assignments. To gain access, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to their school office. In addition to parental permission, students will be required to pass an exam that tests their knowledge of district policies and Internet etiquette.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore numerous libraries, databases, and webpages. However, 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. Students are responsible for all activity under their account. Therefore, an account owner shall never share their account name, number, or password with another person nor leave an open file or session unattended or unsupervised. Students complying with the conditions and rules of use may use the system.

District Network, Internet, and Electronic 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. 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 and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, 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, 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 cell phones, television, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

As outlined in Board policy and District Computer Use Guidelines found in the Cougar Handbook, copies of which are available in school offices, the following are some examples of behavior that is not permitted. We encourage families to read the complete Computer Use Guidelines and discuss them with their children.

- Using obscene, vulgar, or profane language
- Harassing, threatening, insulting or attacking others
- Sending, intentionally receiving or displaying offensive messages or pictures

- 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 network resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Please refer to district Computer Use Guidelines: Section 6 and Section 7.

User Agreement and Parent Permission Form

As a user of the Crow-Applegate-Lorane School District (CAL.Net) 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.

Student Signature _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as the Internet and electronic mail. 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 daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____