

Parental Permission Letter for Student Network & Internet Use & Publication of Student Photo

Dear Parent(s),

Network & Internet Use:

Easthampton School District has computer connections to the Internet in every school. This Internet connection provides powerful access to worldwide information in text and media form that, if properly used, can enhance student learning. It can be particularly meaningful for students because it provides a wealth of information resources not readily available through conventional library means. There are many on-going educational projects available on the Internet that are appropriate for K-12 students.

Many projects encourage subject area studies or "virtual field trips" to museums or other locations around the world. Much of this information can be printed from the computer screen for inclusion in student research projects or papers assigned in class.

Our staff members will supervise individuals and classes of students who are accessing the Internet to ensure that appropriate content is seen on the computer. This kind of screening is not new; schools have always supervised student use of books, magazines, and videos. However, it is possible that a student conducting individual research may disregard Educator's instructions and actively seek out inappropriate material. It is also possible that the student conducting individual research may accidentally or inadvertently stumble on to inappropriate material.

We believe that students can be provided opportunities to use the Internet as a research tool within clearly understood regulations. These conditions are:

1. Parents are advised of the rules and acknowledge the policy of Easthampton School District ;
2. The parent or guardian provides authorization for the student to access the network and Internet;
3. The student gives written assurance regarding appropriate behaviors while accessing the network and Internet;
4. The student and parents understand that violations of these assurances will result in disciplinary action, and loss of Internet privileges.

Publication of Student Photo

It is our practice to include appropriate student photographs in District publications or Web pages. A student's full name will not be used without specific parental permission. If you do not want your child's photograph to appear in a District publication or Web pages, please contact your school principal. If you have additional questions, please contact your child's Educator or me.

Sincerely,

Principal