

MOUNTAIN LAKES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Student Network Responsibility Contract

Overview

Please read the following carefully before signing this document. This is a legally binding contract and must be signed before you will be given access to the district's electronic network account.

The libraries of the Mountain Lakes Public Schools contain access to the Internet. The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual people. The district's access allows for the following: (1) electronic mail; (2) information and news from a variety of sources and research institutions; (3) access to many university libraries, the Library of Congress, and more.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of some material that may not be considered to be of educational value within the context of the school setting. The Mountain Lakes Public Schools have taken every available precaution to restrict access to inappropriate materials.

However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials. The users of the district's access to the Internet firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweigh the possibility of users procuring material that is not consistent with the educational mission of this district.

Following are guidelines provided to establish the responsibilities you are about to acquire. If any user violates any of these provisions, his or her access to the district's account will be denied. The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Terms and Conditions

1. **Acceptable Use:** The purpose of the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of the district's account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Mountain Lakes Public Schools. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulations is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities by for-profit institutions is not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

2. **Privileges:** The use of the district's internet access is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. Only those students with prior experience or instruction who have signed this contract shall be authorized to use the Internet.

3. **Network Etiquette:** The use of the district's account requires that you abide by accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Be polite. Do not send abusive messages to anyone.
- Use appropriate language. In all messages, do not swear or use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Anything pertaining to illegal activities is strictly forbidden. (Note that e-mail is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities must be reported to appropriate authorities.)
- Privacy. Do not reveal the personal address or phone numbers of yourself or any other person. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed private property.
- Connectivity. Do not use the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by others.
- Services. The Mountain Lakes Public Schools will not be responsible for any damages you may suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by our own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the district's account is at your own risk. The Mountain Lakes Public Schools denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
- Vandalism. Vandalism will result in disciplinary action. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading of computer viruses.

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• Updates. The Mountain Lakes Public Schools may occasionally require new registration and account information from you to continue providing services. All Terms and Conditions as stated in this document are applicable to the Mountain Lakes Public Schools. These Terms and Conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties. These terms and conditions shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, United States of America.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ACCESS TO THE MOUNTAIN LAKES PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ELECTRONIC NETWORK ACCOUNT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT ANY VIOLATION OF THE REGULATIONS ABOVE IS UNETHICAL AND MAY CONSTITUTE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE NOTED GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS COULD RESULT IN THE REVOCATION OF MY ACCESS RIGHTS, THE IMPOSITION OF SCHOOL DISCIPLINE, CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND OTHER LEGAL ACTION.

Name of User: _____

User Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Network Responsibility Contract

(If user is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement)

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Terms and Conditions for access to the Mountain Lakes Public Schools electronic network. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and the Mountain Lakes Public Schools have taken precautions to eliminate controversial materials. However, I also recognize that it is impossible for the Mountain Lakes Public Schools to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network.

Further, I understand that the improper or inappropriate use of the network by the child could result in school discipline, criminal and civil penalties. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. Further, I accept responsibility for any damages or injuries caused by my child's use of the network, either in school or outside of school, in a manner which violates the Terms and Conditions set forth in this agreement.

With this understanding, I hereby give permission to issue electronic network access for my child and certify that the information on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____