

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 196  
Rosemount, Minnesota  
*Educating our students to reach their full potential*

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Title Permission for Independent Student Access to the Internet

**NOTE TO STUDENT AND STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN:  
Please read and complete this form and return it to your student's school.**

Independent School District 196 offers students access to a variety of technology resources, including the Internet and electronic mail (e-mail). The Internet is a worldwide telecommunication network that provides access to networks and computers, including local, national and international resources such as libraries, government agencies, universities, k-12 schools, discussion groups, software, technical information, news and weather.

Use of the Internet and other computer networks is a privilege which may be revoked at any time for abusive conduct. In addition to the district's standard consequences for student misbehavior (as described in Administrative Regulation 503.3AR, Student Behavior Expectations and Consequences for Misbehavior), any network misuse or illegal activities will result in temporary or permanent cancellation of network privileges, contact with the student's parent or guardian and, if a violation of law has occurred, contact with law enforcement authorities.

Students are expected to follow the guidelines listed in Administrative Regulation 503.6AR, Acceptable Use of Information Technology - Students, including those stated below.

- Access to the Internet will be for specific educational purposes only, such as researching a specific topic for a classroom project. While on the Internet, students are expected to remain focused on the topic they are researching, and are expected to log off the system when the research is completed.
- Any information (including text, software, graphics and images) downloaded from the Internet should be classroom-related.
- It is a privilege to access local area networks and the Internet in District 196. Only students who have completed their school's requirements for independent Internet access may receive permission to go on-line independently.
- Students are not permitted to use abusive language via electronic mail or list serves.
- Students are not permitted to ever give out any personal information such as their address, telephone number, parent's or guardian's name, etc.
- Students are required to always tell a teacher if they come across any information that is obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit or offensive.
- No review or downloading of material that is obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit or offensive will be tolerated. (District policies regarding harassment, discrimination and similar issues also apply to the use of computer networks.)

Parents and guardians must understand that while Internet use in District 196 is a closely supervised activity, the Internet is also a wide open system that does contain information and visual images that are not appropriate for school-age students. In accordance with federal law, the district attempts to block Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography (for students and adults) and that are harmful to minors (for students). However, students may encounter material that parents and guardians may consider inappropriate. The student is responsible for not pursuing material that could be considered offensive. Parents and guardians should feel free to call their child's teacher to discuss any concerns they may have about their child's access to Internet.

I understand, support and agree to comply with the above guidelines.

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Student Signature

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Print Student Name

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Graduation Year

X

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date