

Warwood School Telecommunications Access Consent and Waiver

In accordance with the State Board of Education Policy 2460 and Ohio County Board of Education Policy 3027, Warwood School faculty recognizes the powerful asset that the Internet provides to classroom teachers. Warwood's Acceptable Use Plan is designed to inform parents about the Internet and the responsibility that students and parents share with teachers to ensure it is used in an appropriate manner for educational purposes only.

The faculty and administration of Warwood School believe that the educational benefits to students and teachers through access to online services and the Internet far exceed any potential disadvantages of such access. The ultimate responsibility of setting and overseeing guidelines that students must follow when accessing the Internet and online services must lie with parents/guardians. To that end, Warwood School faculty and staff supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access. Neither the information nor the content of such information found via online services or Internet can be controlled by Warwood School. The majority of sites on the Internet can provide a wealth of educational opportunity to students and teachers, however, some sites may contain information that is pornographic in nature, defamatory, or potentially offensive to some users. All **KNOWN** pornographic, defamatory, or potentially offensive sites are blocked, but new sites are made every day that might not be blocked yet. While the intent of Warwood School is to provide access to Internet and online services that further its educational goals and objectives, parents should be aware that students may have access to potentially unacceptable resources if they disregard the school and school system's limitations listed below.

- **Students in grades K-2** will use only Internet sites or online services selected for them by their teachers. Teachers will make every effort to monitor use and assure that sites they select are safe for children, support the educational objectives of the school, and have a strong information advantage. Even with these restrictions, information received by the students may be potentially offensive to some families and the school can make no guarantees about the accuracy and quality of information received.
- **Students in grades 3-8 may**, at the discretion of their teachers and with signed application from parents, be permitted to conduct broader Internet searches. Teachers will make every effort to monitor use, however, information received by the students may be potentially offensive to some families and the school can make no guarantees about the accuracy and quality of information received.
- **Use of the Internet and online services at Warwood School is a privilege, not a right.**
- Students and parents must read, sign, and return the attached application form before the student will be permitted to use online services at Warwood School.

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Students will be permitted to use telecommunications services at Warwood School when the attached application has been discussed between parent and student, teacher and student, signed, and returned.

Network Etiquette:

I will:

- be polite.
- not write or send abusive messages to others.
- not reveal the home address, telephone number, or any personal information of anyone, including teachers, friends, fellow students, or myself.
- print only to the local school printer.
- not become a part of any chat room.
- not attempt to purchase any goods or services offered online.
- not use the Warwood School telecommunications access for any other purpose than what my teachers have asked me to do.

By signing this application for telecommunications use, I understand and agree that Warwood School will not be held responsible if I participate in inappropriate activities using school telecommunications access. I understand my responsibility as a user of telecommunications, and realize that any infraction will cancel my use privileges and may result in further disciplinary action, including suspension from school.

Warwood School
Consent and Waiver Application for Telecommunications Access

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO HOMEROOM TEACHER

STUDENT

I have read the Telecommunications Consent and Waiver for the use of telecommunications at school. I understand that my access is for educational purposes only and restricted to classroom assignments.

Student Name _____
Please print

Student Signature _____

Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN

I have read the Telecommunications consent and Waiver for use of telecommunications at school and have discussed it with my child. I understand that his/her access is for educational purposes only and that it is my child's responsibility to restrict his/her classroom use to projects and activities assigned by the teachers. I also accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use of telecommunications is in a setting other than school. I also understand that Warwood School personnel cannot be held responsible for infractions of the rules by my son/daughter.

Parent/Guardian Name _____
Please print

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

TEACHER

As a sponsoring teacher, I have discussed the Telecommunications Consent and Waiver with the student and agree to adhere to this agreement with the student. I will not be responsible for the student's use of the network if he/she has not followed the established rules. I will expect every student to abide by the rules at all times.

Teacher Name _____
Please print

Teacher Signature _____

Date _____