

Prosser School District Network and Internet Use Agreement

Please read this document carefully before signing the attached consent form.

We are pleased to offer students of the Prosser School District access to the District Computer Network with limited Internet access. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. We believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individuals subscribers. Access to the Internet will enable the students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and information sources throughout the world.

With access to computers and people all over the world, comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Prosser School District has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials. A user may discover controversial information. The Prosser School District firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Prosser School District user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could possibly 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.

Acceptable Use Guidelines - Network

- 1) All use of the system must be in support of education and research and must be consistent with the mission of the Prosser School District. The District reserves the right to prioritize the use of and access to the system. Authorization shall come from the superintendent or designee.
- 2) Any use of the system must conform to the state and federal law, Internet Service Providers policies and licences, and District policy. Use of the system for commercial purposes is prohibited. Use of the system for charitable purposes must be approved in advance by the superintendent or designee.
- 3) The system is considered a public facility and may not be used to support or oppose candidates or ballot issues.
- 4) No use of the system shall serve to disrupt system usage by others. System components, including hardware or software, shall not be intentionally destroyed, modified, utilized or abused in any way.

- 5) Malicious use of the system to develop or utilize programs that harass other users, or gain unauthorized access to any computer, or computing system, and/or damage the components of a computer or computing system is prohibited.
- 6) Individual users are responsible for the appropriateness and content of materials they store, transmit or publish on the system. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, or other antisocial behaviors which are expressly prohibited by state and local law, are prohibited.
- 7) Use of the system to access, store, or distribute obscene or pornographic material is prohibited.
- 8) The unauthorized installation, use, storage, or distribution of copyright protected software or materials on Prosser School District computers are prohibited.

Acceptable Use Guidelines - Security and Safety

- 1) System accounts are to be used only by the assigned owner. Users may not share their user name and password with an unauthorized person or leave an open file or session unattended or unsupervised. **Account owners are ultimately responsible for all activity under their account.**
- 2) Users shall not seek information about, obtain copies of, or modify files or other data or passwords belonging to other users, misrepresent other users on the system, or attempt to gain unauthorized access to the system.
- 3) Communications may not be encrypted to avoid security review.
- 4) Personal information such as home address and telephone numbers shall remain confidential when communicating on the system. Students shall not reveal such information to anyone contacted on the Internet.
- 5) Students shall not make appointments to meet non district personnel in person, whom they have contacted on the system.
- 6) Students shall immediately notify their teacher or other supervising adult whenever they come across information or messages that are dangerous, inappropriate, or which make them feel uncomfortable.

Acceptable Use Guidelines - General Use

- 1) Diligent effort must be made to conserve system resources.
- 2) No person shall have access to the system without having received appropriate training.
- 3) A signed Network and Internet Use Agreement must be on file with the Prosser School District. Students under the age of 18 must have the approval of a parent or guardian.

Prosser School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Prosser School District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Prosser School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy equipment or data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the NSFNET Internet backbone. This includes but is not limited to the uploading or creation of computer viruses. The student will be financially responsible for the replacement of equipment and/or restoration of the system and data.

KEEP THIS SECTION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE
Prosser School District
Network and Internet Consent Form

Please read the attached **ANetwork and Internet Use Agreement@** and **ANetwork and Internet Code of Conduct@** carefully before signing.

* * * * * **STUDENT SECTION** * * * * *

Student Name (Please Print) _____ Grade _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

Birth Date _____ School _____

I understand and will abide by the **ANetwork and Internet Use Agreement@** and **ANetwork and Internet Code of Conduct@**. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked. In addition, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

* * * * * **PARENT OR GUARDIAN SECTION** * * * * *

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the **ANetwork and Internet Use Agreement@** and **ANetwork and Internet Code of Conduct@**. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. The Prosser School District reserves the right to use computers for testing and/or specific instructional programs. Prosser School District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for Prosser School District to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child=s use is not in a school setting.

Access to Computer Network

I hereby give permission for my child to access computers, network services, and the Internet. I certify that the information contained in this form is correct. Computer use without Internet access requires an individual contract with district staff.

Parent or Guardian=s Name (please print):

Signature _____ Date _____

Release to Publish Information

The Prosser School District routinely publishes cooperative student projects and group pictures without identifying individual names. Your signature below grants permission for your child=s work to be published on the Internet or Public Educational Television, identified by their first name.

I hereby give permission to the Prosser School District to publish my child=s work, which may be accompanied by the child=s first name and/or picture. (The Prosser School District will **not** publish student last names, home address, or personal phone numbers on the Internet.)

Parent or Guardian=s Name (please print):

Signature _____ Date _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE