



As a user of the Northland School Division's computer network, internet, software, and equipment, I have read and hereby agree to comply with the Student Network User Agreement (pages 1 and 2 of this document) in accordance with Procedure 129 and any future changes to the rules as published in the monthly Newsletter.

Student Name

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Student Information

Grade _____

Name of School _____

Please check off one of the following.

Returning Student New Student

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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STUDENT NETWORK USER AGREEMENT

We believe computers and their capabilities offer vast, diverse and unique resources to students. Access to the Internet enables users to explore thousands of libraries, databases, blogs, chatrooms, bulletin boards, audio and visual information and much more, while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. Our intent is to make the Northland computer network and Internet access available to further the educational goals, objectives, and the mission of the Northland School Division.

Guidelines for Use of Electronic Media and General Behavior/ Expectations

The network and the Internet are provided for users to conduct research, complete class assignments and communicate with others. Access to network service is given to students who agree to adhere to Northland's Procedure 129 guidelines. Access is a privilege – not a right and entails responsibility. Students are held responsible for seeking appropriate materials and avoiding other potentially offensive materials. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. Students are expected to be mindful of their bandwidth use.

Students will be expected to appropriately use to the network, software, e-mail and other general use of the Internet. General school expectations for communications and behavior apply. Users are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or in any school facility, and should be polite and respectful. Communications on the network are often public in nature. It is especially important for students to avoid accessing sites with inappropriate language and actions.

Individual users of the computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. Students will comply with school standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Teachers shall report any misuse of the network to a principal or supervisor. The network administrator may review rules and monitor communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that the system is being used responsibly.

Computer Labs and Library Usage

During the school day, computer labs and computers in the library and classrooms are to be used for work directly related to school activities - No personal e-mail, chatting, social networking, downloading, or playing games of any kind.

Before and after school **supervised** computers *can* be used to check e-mail and view appropriate web sites in addition to academic work. Activities chosen are up to the discretion of the Supervising Teacher and must be in accordance with Procedure 129. Teacher-approved educational games such as Mathletics or Gizmos only.

Instant messenger, chat, playing games, streaming or downloading non-academic animations, videos or sound files, and accessing inappropriate web sites are *not* allowed in schools at any time.

Limited Resources

Printing

Ink and paper are limited resources and need to be conserved. Printing is allowed for academic purposes only. No printing of e-mail, personal web page information (party invitations, song lyrics, pictures of celebrities, etc), or printing for other personal use is allowed.

Bandwidth

Downloading music, video, or software, as well as “streaming” music or video from websites takes up a lot of bandwidth and slows down the network for everyone. These activities are not allowed on the Northland network except when directly related to school assignments.

File Space

File space on the school server is limited. Taking up space with large files, such as image, music, or video files, reduces network performance and space on the servers for legitimate academic work. Saving music, video or image files on a Northland account (H drive), except when directly related to school assignments is not allowed. Students are encouraged to purchase their own storage devices to bring their files back and forth from school and to use as back-up.

Laptops, Personal Devices and Personal Software

Laptops and other devices may not currently be connected to the Northland network. No software from home or the Internet may be installed on the network. A student using a personal laptop or device anywhere on school property must follow all rules outlined in this Network User Agreement, Procedure 129, and your school’s rules, *even if not using the Northland network, Northlands Internet connection, or Northland equipment.*

Network accounts

Students will be given a login name and password. Students are responsible to choose a memorable password that no one would ever guess. It is advisable to use a combination of letters and numbers and symbols. Students are not permitted to share passwords with anyone. Students are not permitted to use another student’s or staff member’s account or to trespass in another’s folder/files without permission.

Violations

Each violation will be looked at on an individual basis. In general, violations will result in a loss of access privileges as well as other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the school administration.

Note the following general rules, which can be modified by the Principal, depending on the violation. 3 strikes and you’re out. Alternate class activities will be arranged for students who lose network privileges.

1. First offense: 24-hour suspension of network privileges.
2. Second offense: referral to principal with parent notification. 48-hour suspension of network privileges.
3. Third offense: loss of computer privileges for a period of time determined by the principal with parent notification.

We are pleased to offer the students access to the computer network. To gain access, all students must sign and return the Network User Agreement form attached to their home room **teacher**. The teacher will pass the class set of agreements to the Principal. The Principal will inform the IT technician of students who have not returned signed forms. Failure to submit a signed form will result in the student not being allowed to use the school computers for any use.