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Parent Permission Letter**Internet Permission Form****CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

We are pleased to offer students of the Culver City Unified School District access to the district computer network to use computers and the Internet. To gain access to the district computers and network, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission, must sign and return this form to the ATTENDANCE CLERK and take a basic computer test. Students 18 and over may sign their own forms.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that, although the district attempts to block access to inappropriate sites, some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Culver City Unified School District support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

District Internet Rules

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege -not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the district computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with district standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will always be private.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers of

students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

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As outlined in Board policy and procedures on student rights the following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Trespassing another's folders, work or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes
- Participating in chatrooms
- Downloading files without teacher permission

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

USER AGREEMENT AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM

As a user of the Culver City Unified School District's computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules - communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student Signature _____

Check one:

- q My student **is allowed** to use the CCUSD computer network and Internet. As the parent or legal guardian for the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, and understand that CCUSD will do the best of its ability to block access to inappropriate materials.
- q I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Culver City Unified School District and its officers, employees and representatives, from and against all claims for damage and injury caused by or related to my child's willful and/of intentional violations of the provisions of this agreement.
- q I hereby agree to release the Culver City Unified School District and its officers, employees, and representatives from any claims regarding injury to my child, including claims for Negligence, however caused, arising from or in connection with my child's use of the District's Network, and through it, the Internet.

q My student is not allowed to use the CCUSD computer network and the Internet.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Student _____ School _____ Grade _____

Entered on Student Record: _____ Date: _____ Initials: _____