



CHS/CJHS Patriots Acceptable Use Policy

With Internet Permission Form

Internet access is available to students enrolled in Christian Unified Schools of San Diego. We believe the Internet offers a variety of quality and unique resources to students and teachers that are easily accessed from home or school. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence. All students who wish to use the Internet on campus must obtain parental permission: the attached form must be signed and returned to the Library Media Center (LMC). Students who have correctly filled out and returned the attached form will then be issued an Internet Agreement Card (IAC). The student-signed IAC must be displayed before a student logs-in to the network on campus. Replacements for lost forms/cards are \$1.00, payable at the LMC.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries and databases. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or offensive. 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 exceed any disadvantages; but ultimately, parents and guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children and teens should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, CUSSD supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

District Internet and E-Mail Rules

The network is provided for students to conduct research for classroom assignments and projects. Access to network service is given to students who agree to act in a respectful and responsible manner. Access is a privilege - not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Any electronic communication must be respectful and in good taste, adhering to the same expectations as verbal communication on campus. Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. Often, specific computer rules are posted near student computers. By signing this agreement, and displaying the Internet Agreement Card, students are agreeing to abide by any posted computer rules in their classrooms, computer labs, or library. These specific rules may relate to printing, saving, rebooting the computer, etc. (The specific computer rules posted in the LMC may be located on the Web at cusssd.org, the Library Media Center page.)

Blackboard is an Internet program that is provided for students in grades seven through twelve. Blackboard is used to access classroom and school information, store student and course documents, communicate with teachers and classmates, and submit papers. Students do not have e-mail accounts issued by the district, and they do not have permission to access their personal e-mail accounts on campus. **Students are to use Blackboard to store and retrieve working documents, not personal e-mail accounts.**

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. Please note that the school computer network has a firewall to help guard students from harmful websites, but it is not able to evaluate the credibility, quality, or educational value of websites. Students are taught these evaluation skills at school.

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 and librarians will guide students 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.

Individual users of the Internet are expected to abide by the generally-accepted rules of network etiquette. The following are not permitted:

- Using another's ID/password, information, or files
- Violating copyright laws
- Sending or displaying offensive or harmful messages or pictures
- Using obscene, sexually explicit, or abusive language
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems, software, or computer networks
- Illegal use of data in folders or work files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes

In the event a student engages in any of the above-referenced activities, his/her access privileges will be revoked for a time period and other disciplinary measures may result.

Consequences for Unacceptable Use of the Internet or Computers

If a student violates any part of this policy, the consequences will be:

First Offense: Students will lose their school computer privilege for one week, the teacher will phone or e-mail the parent or guardian, and one hole will be punched in the Internet Agreement Card. Any assigned work may be completed with pen and paper using print texts and resources.

Second Offense: Students will lose their school computer privilege for one month, the teacher will phone or e-mail the parent or guardian, and one hole will be punched in the Internet Agreement Card. Any assigned work may be completed with pen and paper using print texts and resources.

Third Offense: The school computer privilege and Internet Agreement Card will be revoked for one semester, the teacher will call the parent or guardian, and a written violations form will be sent home. To reapply for a new card, the student will need to speak with an administrator and fill out a new Internet Permission form (\$1.00).

Parent Permission Form for Publishing CUSSD Students' Work on the World Wide Web

We understand that our son or daughter may create art work or writing which would be suitable for publication on the World Wide Web, a part of the Internet. We know that every student cannot have his or her work published and that it is an honor to have our child's work included as an educational resource for others. We further understand that the work will appear in an educational context on web pages with a copyright notice prohibiting the copying of such work without express written permission. No home address or telephone number will appear with such work. In addition, students must get the teacher's permission to print or download any data from the Internet. By signing this form, we grant permission for the World Wide Web publishing as described above.

(NOTE: At school registration, parents will be requested to sign this permission form. Every student who returns this form correctly filled out and signed will be issued an Internet Agreement Card (IAC). The IAC must be displayed before a student logs-in to the network on campus.)

Final note to parents or guardians: The Internet is a powerful learning tool, but it should not be used indiscriminately or without supervision. While your child/teen is at school, the staff will make every effort to assure that this resource is used appropriately. If you help him/her use the Internet and e-mail wisely at home, together we can help him/her become a responsible citizen of the Internet!

After reading the attached rules with your son/daughter, please sign the form below and return it to school.

User Agreement and Parent/Guardian Internet Permission Form:

As a student of CUSSD, I hereby agree to comply with the above-stated rules -- communicating over the network in a responsible and respectful manner while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions, including those posted in various labs/library on campus.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ School ID#: _____

Grade: _____ Graduation Year (from high school): _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the CUSSD student signing above, I grant permission for him/her to access networked computer services such as 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, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use -- setting and conveying standards for the student named above to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Daytime phone number(s) where

parent(s) may be contacted: _____