

**STUDENT FORM: PARENT LETTER**  
**Dolton School District 148**  
**Authorization for Electronic Networks (Internet) Access**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We now have the ability to enhance your child's education through the use of Electronic Networks. Electronic Networks offer vast, diverse and unique resources. The District's goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. Your authorization is needed before your child may use this resource.

The Internet electronically connects thousands of computers throughout the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers may have access to:

- Limited electronic mail communications with people all over the world
- Information from governmental sources, research institutions, and other sources
- Discussion groups
- Many libraries, including the catalog to the Library of Congress, and the Educational Resources Information Clearinghouses (ERIC).

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. You and your child should read the enclosed *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* and discuss it together. The use of inappropriate material or language, or violation of copyright laws, may result in the loss of the privilege to use this resource. Remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions.

The District takes precautions to prevent access to materials that may be defamatory, inaccurate, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate in the school setting. Even on a filtered network, however, it is impossible to control all material and a user may discover inappropriate material. Ultimately, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow. To that end, the School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to authorize Electronic Network access.

Please read and discuss the *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* with your child. If you agree to allow your child to have an Internet account, sign the *Authorization* form and return it to your school.

Sincerely,

Technology  
708-841-2445

**STUDENT FORM: AUTHORIZATION**

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dolton School District 148  
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I have read this Authorization for Electronic Network (Internet) Access. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, or Board members, for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the network. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the terms of this Authorization with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to the District's Electronic Network (Internet).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT FORM: RULES AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR  
AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC NETWORKS (INTERNET)**

As a computer user, I agree to follow the Rules and Code of Ethics in all of my work with computers while attending Dolton School District 148 schools.

1. I recognize all computer users have the same right to use of the equipment.
  - a. I will not play games or use the computer or resources for other nonacademic activities when others require the system for academic purposes.
  - b. I will not waste or take supplies, such as paper, printer cartridges, and diskettes that are provided by Dolton School District 148.
  - c. When I use the computer, I will talk softly and work in ways that will not disturb others.
  - d. I will not chew gum, eat candy, or have food or drink around the computers.
  
2. I recognize that copyright laws protect software.
  - a. I will not make unauthorized copies of software found on school computers, either by copying them onto my diskettes or onto other computers through electronic mail or bulletin boards.
  - b. I will not bring games or diskettes from home to prevent viruses.
  - c. I will not give, lend, or sell copies of software to others unless I have written permission of the copyright owner or the original software is clearly identified as shareware in public domains.
  
3. I recognize that the work of all users is valuable.
  - a. I will protect the privacy of others' work by not trying to learn their passwords.
  - b. I will not copy, change, read, or use files in another user's area without the user's prior permissions.
  - c. I will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to system programs or computer equipment.
  - d. I will not use computer systems to disturb or harass other computer users by sending unwanted mail or by other means.

Violations of the Rules and Code of Ethics described above will be dealt with seriously. Violators will lose computer privileges and receive appropriate discipline.

I understand that my family and I are legally and financially accountable for all of my actions that in any way damage or violate the use of the computer or Electronic Network (Internet).

I understand that the Internet has direct access (even though filtered) to any and all information from around the world.

We, the parent/guardians of \_\_\_\_\_ have read and discussed Dolton School District 148's Rules and Code of Ethics for Authorization for Electronic Networks (Internet) Access.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_