

Terms and Conditions for Student Internet Publishing Access

Please read the following carefully before signing the attached contract. This is a legally binding document.

Internet access is now available to students and staff in Morrow County School District. We are pleased to offer this access to Morrow County students and staff (free of charge) and believe the MCSNet offers vast, diverse and unique resources which can support education. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in the Morrow County schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, collaboration and communication. Any MCS staff or current student may apply for an Internet account by reading this document of terms and conditions and filling out and returning the attached contract and application form.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. There are currently two levels of Internet access available to MCS students. In most of the district schools, students may access much of the information on the Internet through the World Wide Web without a personal Internet account. This agreement and application, however, applies to full Internet access which requires a personal Internet account. This level of Internet access permits the user access to all of the Internet resources. Individual access is offered as a privilege granted to users on the basis of their ability to use the network resources responsibly and in the manner outlined in this document. With this level of access, users can:

- Use the World Wide Web to access many current information resources in a range of areas including science, geography and social studies;
- Communicate with people all over the world through electronic mail (E-mail);
- Retrieve public domain and shareware software of all types (using ftp);
- Participate in discussion groups on a plethora of topics ranging from Chinese culture to the environment to music to politics (using NetNews);
- Publish material on the Internet by creating World Wide Web pages.

The educational value of appropriate information on the Internet is substantial. However, the Internet is composed of information provided by institutions and people all over the world and thus, also includes material that is not of educational value in the context of the school setting. Among other things, there is information which may be judged as inaccurate, abusive, profane, sexually oriented or illegal. MCS wishes to support students in responsible use of the Internet and does not condone or permit the use of this material. It is a joint responsibility of school personnel and the parent or guardian of each student to educate the student about his/her responsibility when using the Internet. In addition to student

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~~Internet access in schools is available to students only on computers that are in highly traveled areas of the school building such as classrooms, computer laboratories and the media center. However, parents and guardians must be aware that while at school, direct supervision by school personnel of each student using the computers is not always possible. Thus, students are expected to use the resources in a manner consistent with this contract and will be held responsible for their use. Additionally, parents should discuss with their children their own expectations for their child's Internet use. Home use of the Internet by students must be supervised and parents are completely responsible for the student's use of the Internet resources from home. A daily time limit for home use is also highly recommended. A useful book for parents who wish to learn more about the Internet as it pertains to their child's use is entitled *Safe Surfing* by Julie McKeehan (1996, AP Professional).~~

~~Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, regional networks and private corporations. The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the 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 an MCSD user violates any of these provisions, his/her account with MCSDNet may be suspended and future access could be denied. In addition, violation of any school rules while using the Internet will result in appropriate school disciplinary action. Your signature(s) on the attached contract is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.~~

~~MCSDNet – Terms and Conditions (version 2.0 10/01)~~

~~1. Acceptable use – The purpose of MCSDNet, MCSD's Internet access, is to support education in and among the schools in Morrow County School District by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and academic research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Morrow County School District. Use of other organization's networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Publication, ownership or transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material or material protected by trade secret. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property. Use of MCSDNet for product advertisement or political lobbying is not allowed. Illegal activities are strictly prohibited. All communication must use appropriate language and be polite. Do not swear, use profanity, vulgarities or harass other users. Playing games or using interactive chats and MUD's and MOO's is not acceptable use of MCSDNet. Users are responsible for staying abreast of changes in the system by reading the announcements on MCSD's web page or publications regularly.~~

~~Your electronic mail (E-mail) on MCSDNet is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all E-mail and although E-mail is not read randomly, it can be accessed if a user is suspected of violating this contract. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the proper authorities.~~

~~Internet activities that are permitted by the acceptable use policy:~~

~~———— Investigation of and communication about topics being studied in school;~~

~~Investigation of and communication about opportunities outside of school related to community service, employment or further education.~~

Internet activities that are not permitted by the acceptable use policy:

- ~~• Searching, viewing or retrieving materials that are not related to school work, community service, employment or further education (thus, searching or viewing sexually explicit, profane or illegal materials is not permitted);~~
- ~~• Copying, saving or redistributing copyrighted material (Users should assume that all material is copyrighted unless explicitly noted);~~
- ~~• Subscription to any services or ordering of any goods or services;~~
- ~~• Sharing of the student's home address, phone number or other information;~~
- ~~• Playing games or using other interactive sites such as chats, MUD's and MOO's unless specifically assigned by a teacher;~~
- ~~• Using the network in such a way that you disrupt the use of the network by other users (e.g., downloading large files during prime time, sending mass E-mail messages, annoying other users using the talk or write functions);~~
- ~~• Using your MCSD account to telnet to other machines for purposes not allowed on MCSDNet;~~
- ~~• Any activity that violates a school rule or a local, state or federal law.~~

~~Users who have any questions or doubts about whether a specific activity is permissible should consult a teacher, administrator or MCSDNet personnel.~~

~~2. Privileges—The use of MCSDNet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use can result in a cancellation of those privileges. Based upon the acceptable use guidelines outlined in this document, the system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use of the network and take appropriate action. The system administrators or technology trainer may suspend or close an account at any time, as required. They must notify the user in writing or in person within two weeks of the reason for suspension or termination of an account. The administration, faculty and staff of MCSD may also request the system administrator or technology trainer deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts. Students whose accounts are denied, suspended or revoked do have the following rights:~~

- ~~a. To request in writing a written statement justifying the actions;~~
- ~~b. To submit a written appeal to the technology trainer and as a followup to this letter to have a meeting with the technology trainer and any other involved or interested staff. Students who are under 18 must have a parent or guardian present at the meeting.~~

~~3. Publication of materials—Publication of any material, including E-mail, news and web pages, must contain the author's E-mail address. At this time, users of MCSDNet are permitted to create their~~

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~~own World Wide Web pages. This privilege is designed to enable students to learn the technology and express and present their academic work. The following rules apply to web page publication:~~

- ~~———— Student web pages will not be linked to any other sites including school or district home pages and students are responsible for the contents of their pages. This does not include links back to the page on which the student web page originated;~~
 - ~~———— All pages must contain the following disclaimer: “This web page was created by and represents the views and opinions of the author(s). It does not represent the views of nor is it endorsed in any way by Morrow County School District or any of its employees.”;~~
 - ~~———— No home addresses, phone numbers or other personal information may appear;~~
 - ~~———— No copyrighted materials may be used including photographs, cartoons and logos;~~
 - ~~———— All contents of the web pages must be in accordance with the other terms set out in this document;~~
 - ~~———— Electronic publications are expected to meet conventional academic standards of proper spelling, grammar and accuracy of information;~~
 - ~~———— Pictures of a student will be allowed on that student’s web page only with written consent from parents and student. No other pictures portraying students will be allowed on student web pages. See MCSD policy JOA – Directory Information for exclusions.~~
4. Security – Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on MCSDNet, you must notify a system administrator or send E-mail to arbogan@morrow.k12.or.us. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Users may not, under any circumstances, use another individual’s account. Do not give your password to any other individual. Attempts to log in to the system as any other user may result in suspension or cancellation of user privileges. Attempts to log in to MCSDNet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to MCSDNet.
5. Vandalism – Vandalism may result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any attempt to obtain, harm or destroy data of another user, MCSDNet or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
6. Updating your user information – MCSDNet may occasionally require new registration and account information from you to continue the service. You must notify MCSDNet of any changes in your account information (address, etc.).
7. Reliability – MCSD makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. MCSD will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, misdeliveries or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via MCSD is at your own risk. MCSD specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
8. Indemnity – The MCSDNet user and if a minor, his/her parent or legal guardian, specifically agree(s) to indemnify MCSDNet, Morrow County School District or any of its employees for any losses;

~~costs or damages, including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by MCSDNNet, Morrow County School District and employees relating to, or arising out of, any breach of this contract.~~

~~9. Exception of terms and conditions – All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to the Morrow County School District. These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties. These terms and conditions shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Oregon, United States of America.~~

~~In review, applicants are advised that MCSDNNet is provided for the specific purpose of supporting the educational mission of the Morrow County School District. All users are expected to abide by the terms and conditions above. If the prospective user cannot abide by any or all of the terms and conditions set forth in this document, he/she is advised to acquire Internet access through a commercial Internet access provider as an alternative to using MCSDNNet.~~

~~To complete the application process, fill out the attached contract and application. Students should return it to the person from whom they received the contract. Staff should return the contract to administrators in their respective buildings. Please retain this copy of the terms and conditions for your files. Any questions can be addressed to the system administrator at (541) 989-8202 or arbogan@morrow.k12.or.us.~~

~~Morrow County School District Internet Publishing Access Agreement~~

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Expected Year of Graduation from 12th grade: _____

~~STUDENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT and APPLICATION FOR MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERNET PUBLISHING ACCESS~~

~~Directions: After reading the Terms and Conditions for Use of MCSDNNet Internet Publishing Access (version 2.0, 10/01) please read and fill out the appropriate portions of the following contract completely and legibly. The signature of a parent or guardian is required for students currently under the age of 18. Please return the contract to your teacher.~~

~~CONTRACT PORTION OF DOCUMENT~~

~~PARENT OR GUARDIAN (If the applicant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement.): As the parent or guardian of this student I have read the Terms and Conditions for Use of MCSDNNet Internet Publishing Access (version 2.0). I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and it is the responsibility of the student to use the resources in such a manner. I have discussed with the student named below his/her obligations and believe he/she has an understanding of acceptable and proper use of MCSDNNet. I also recognize it is impossible for MCSDN to restrict access to controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials this student may acquire on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give my permission to issue an account for the student named below and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.~~

~~Parent or Guardian (please print): _____~~

~~Your relation to student: _____~~

~~Signature: _____ Date: _____~~

~~Daytime Phone Number: _____ Evening Phone Number: _____~~

~~PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE STATEMENT (To be approved for Publishing Access one statement must be checked)~~

- ~~_____ YES — I will allow my son/daughter to publish pictures of himself/herself on his/her own Student Web Page~~
- ~~_____ NO — I will not allow my son/daughter to publish pictures of himself/herself on his/her own Student Web Page~~

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~~STUDENT: Because I have discussed it with the parent or guardian listed above and, if above grade five, read the MCSDNNet terms and conditions (version 2.0 10/01), I understand that the Internet is available to me as a tool to support my education in Morrow County School District. I understand and agree to abide by the rules stated in the terms and conditions. I also understand that I must follow school rules when I use the computers. I know that if I don't follow the rules, my Internet access privileges may be taken away and school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action.~~

~~Student's Name (please print): _____~~

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Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE STATEMENT (To be approved for Publishing Access one statement must be checked)

YES I intend to publish pictures (if approved by a technology trainer) of myself only on my own Student Web Page

NO I do not intend to publish pictures of myself on my own Student Web Page

SPONSORING TEACHER: I have read the Terms and Conditions for Use of MCSDNet Internet Publishing Access (version 2.0, 10/01) and agree to promote this agreement with the student. Because the student may use the network for individual work or in the context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student's use of the network.

Teacher's Name (please print): _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION PORTION OF DOCUMENT

Student's Full Name (please print): _____

Student's Date of Birth: ____/____/____

MCSD Student ID Number (accounts cannot be issued without this): _____ (high school students, see your I.D., middle and elementary students, see your teacher or school secretary for your student I.D. number)

I expect to graduate from 12th grade in _____ (year)

Your Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Current School: _____

When your account is established, your teacher will notify you of your user name and password. Remember that your password may not be shared with anyone. Thank you for your interest, support and proper use of this exciting new resource in Morrow County School District.

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