

FLANAGAN-CORNELL UNIT DISTRICT #74
Authorization for Internet Access
2010-2011

Dear Parent (s) or Guardian(s):

If you have a student entering Kindergarten or 9th grade, are new to the Flanagan-Cornell School District, or would like to change the authorization for your child, please complete and sign the attached "Authorization for Internet Access" and return to the office with your registration information.

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

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

- *Information from government sources, research institutions, and other sources
- *Many libraries, including the catalog to the Library of Congress, and the Educational Resources Information Clearinghouses (ERIC)
- *Information and news from NASA as well as the opportunity to correspond with the scientists at NASA and other research institutions.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Flanagan Unit 4 has taken some available precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We at Flanagan-Cornell Unit 74 firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of this district.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to accept. In general this requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the network resources.

Should a Unit 74 student violate any of these provisions, his or account will be terminated with additional disciplinary action initiated as directed by the Student Handbook and Board of Education Policies.

The district prohibits the accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying of any materials that may be defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, illegal, or otherwise inappropriate in the school setting. 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 Internet access.

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

**FLANAGAN-CORNELL UNIT DISTRICT #74
AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERNET ACCESS**

(To be completed by the student)

I understand and will abide by the "Authorization for Internet Access". I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the District's Internet connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release the School District and its board members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages arising from my use, or inability to use the Internet.

Date _____

Grade Level _____

User Name _____
(Please print)

User Signature _____

(To be completed by the parent/guardian)

I have read this "Authorization for Internet Access." I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I 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 the "Authorization" with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to the District's Internet.

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____
(please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

At this time, I will not allow my child access to the Internet.

Date _____ Name of Student _____

Name of parent/guardian (please print) _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____

FLANAGAN-CORNELL UNIT DISTRICT #74 INTERNET POLICY

Each student and his/her parent/guardian must sign this Authorization for using the District's Internet connection. Please read this document carefully before signing.

All use of the Internet shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. This *Authorization* does not attempt to stall all required or proscribed behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. The failure of any user to follow the terms of the *Authorization for Internet Access* will result in loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action. The signature(s) at the end of this document is legally binding and indicates the party who signed has read the terms and conditions carefully and understands their significance.

Terms and Conditions:

1. Acceptable Use - Access to the District's Internet must be for the purpose of education or research, and be consistent with the educational objectives of the district.
2. Privileges - The use of the District's Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. The Building Principal will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated this *Authorization* and may deny, revoke or suspend access at any time; his decision is final.
3. Unacceptable Use - You are responsible for your actions and activities involving the network. Some examples of unacceptable uses are:
 - a. Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any U.S. or State regulation;
 - b. Unauthorized downloading of software, regardless of whether it is copyrighted or de-virused;
 - c. Downloading copyrighted material for other than personal use;
 - d. Using the network for private financial or commercial gain;
 - e. Wastefully using resources, such as file space;
 - f. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities;
 - g. Invading the privacy of individuals;
 - h. Posting material authored or created by another without his/her consent;
 - i. Posting anonymous messages;
 - j. Using the network for commercial or private advertising;

- k. Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing or illegal material;
 - k. Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.
4. Network Etiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
- a. Be polite. Do not become abusive in your message to others.
 - b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, or use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
 - c. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.
 - d. Consider all communications and information accessible via the network to be private property.
5. No Warranties - The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or your error or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
6. Indemnification - The user agrees to indemnify the School District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any breach of this *Authorization*.
7. Security - Network security is a high priority. If you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify the Technology Supervisor. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Attempts to log on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the network.
8. World Wide Web - Students do not have permission to create "home pages" or directories. Student work will be published only under the direction of the supervising teacher.
9. Telephone Charges - The District assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.

Students, parent/guardian need only sign this *Authorization for Internet Access* once while enrolled in the School District.