

# **INTERNET POLICY PRAIRIE DU ROCHER C.C.S.D. #134**

## **Internet Rules and Use Agreement**

### What Is The Internet

Internet is the computerized information system which allows individuals to access information disseminated by other individuals and organizations throughout the world. Internet allows Prairie du Rocher C.C.S.D. #134 to offer its students significantly expanded research opportunities. Students are offered additional sources of information which will allow them to better research papers and other projects assigned to them by their teachers. Internet overcomes limitation in the school and public libraries by giving students access to countless research reports throughout the world.

### Proper Use of Internet

With the coming of Internet, students have been given access to numerous educational materials as well as those not suitable for a school setting. Therefore, all students must receive instruction regarding procedures, ethics, and security involving the use of the Internet before being allowed to log on to the system.

Having installed the Internet into Prairie du Rocher C.C.S.D. #134, the Board of Education has established the following guidelines for Internet use:

A. Internet shall be used for educational purposes only.

The purpose of Internet is to expand educational opportunities for students and teachers by providing access to unique resources and meaningful communications with other educators. To remain eligible as an Internet user, a student's use must be consistent with the goals established by the classroom teacher(s).

Transmission of any material in violation of local, state and national laws is prohibited. In such cases, the school reserves the right to contact law enforcement officials. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted materials, threatening material, or obscene material.

B. All users must demonstrate proper behavior and maintain proper security on the Internet

Students must be polite while using the Internet. Students must obtain permission from the teacher prior to using such features as E-Mail. Any E-Mail transmission should be pre-approved by the teacher(s). Students should not give out personal information such as addresses and phone numbers over the Internet. Students should only go into Internet sites approved by the teacher(s).

### C. Offensive Material

Despite the best efforts from the district, it is impossible for district staff to keep students clear from areas which parents might find objectionable. Despite the potential pitfalls, the district believes that the advantages of Internet use outweigh the disadvantages. Parents should consider potential risks before giving their children permission to use the Internet. District staff will do the following to insure that students access only appropriate materials.

- a. Students use of Internet will be supervised at all times by staff members.
- b. Students will use Internet for educational purposes. Staff will attempt to direct students to Internet areas which support the educational goals of the school.
- c. If students unintentionally access restricted areas of the Internet, staff will direct them to exit such areas without delay.

### D. District/Student Responsibilities

In granting permission for their student(s) to use Internet, parent(s) agree that it is the users responsibility not to access offensive or obscene materials. Although staff will take all reasonable steps to insure responsible use of the Internet, the district cannot guarantee total control of content on the Internet.

### E. Penalties for Misuse

Students who overtly violate the district's Internet Policy will be subjected to the following penalties:

1<sup>st</sup> – A four (4) week restriction from using Internet on the first rule violation. Parents will be contacted if such a restriction occurs.

2<sup>nd</sup> – An eight (8) week restriction from using Internet on the second rule violation. Parents will be contacted if such a restriction occurs.

3<sup>rd</sup> – A total restriction from using the Internet for the remainder of their time at Prairie du Rocher. Parents will be contacted if a restriction is warranted.

Parents should read the preceding information carefully. Those wishing their children to access Internet should sign the attached sign-up form and return it to the school. Failure to return the form to the school indicates that the parents do not want their child/children to access Internet.

**INTERNET USE AGREEMENT**  
**Prairie du Rocher C.C.S.D. #134**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the policy governing Internet developed for Prairie du Rocher C.C.S.D. #134. In reviewing these guidelines, I certify that I have discussed these policies with my child/children including the rules governing misuse of the Internet. I, furthermore, agree to release Prairie du Rocher C.C.S.D. #134 and its staff from any liability over my child/children use of potentially offensive materials accessed over Internet. Having read the policy and this statement, I grant my children permission to use the Internet.

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Child #1

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Child #2 (if applicable)

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Child #3 (if applicable)

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Parents Signature

Date