

**Waterford-Halfmoon UFSD  
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District would like to offer your child access to our educational computer network, including the Internet. With your permission, your child will have access to various software applications, hundreds of databases, libraries and computer services from all over the world through the Internet and other electronic information systems. Linking smaller networks and creating a large and diverse network, the Internet allows students the opportunity to research subjects and to share information.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. It is important that you and your child read the district Computer and Internet Policy (located on our website under the heading of Policies), regulations, and consent and waiver form, and that you and your child discuss these requirements together. You and your child should understand that inappropriate use of the network will result in the loss of the privilege to use this important educational tool.

As indicated in the policy and regulations, the district will attempt to discourage access to objectionable material and communications. The use of Internet firewalls and filters by the District are among the steps that are taken to reduce the chance that students access inappropriate sites. However, in spite of these efforts, it may be possible for your child to access these sites inadvertently or if he/she chooses to behave irresponsibly. In addition, while not likely, it is possible for undesirable or ill-intended individuals to communicate with your child over the Internet. There is no practical means for the District to prevent this from happening, and your child must take responsibility to avoid such communications if they are initiated.

I have included the above information to ensure that your decision regarding your child's access to the district's computer network and the Internet is an informed one. The parent or guardian must be the one to decide whether the benefits of a student's access to the District's computer network and the Internet outweigh the potential risks. If you wish to allow your child access to the District's computer network and the Internet, please return the enclosed consent and waiver form to the office of the principal. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Healey  
Superintendent

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**Parental/Guardian Consent and Waiver form for District Computer, Network, and Internet Use**

I have read the district's Computer/Network Board Policy and Regulations and I'm aware the full policy manual can be found at whufsd.org. By signing this consent and waiver form, I give my permission for my child to be afforded access to the district's computer network system and the internet. This permission will be valid until the student leaves the district or graduates. Parents may revoke permission at any time.

I understand that my child's access to the district's network and the internet is designed solely for educational purposes and that the district will attempt to discourage access to objectionable materials and communications.

I also understand that a variety of inappropriate and offensive materials are available over the internet and that it may be possible for my child to access these materials inadvertently or if he/she chooses to behave irresponsibly. I further understand that it is possible for undesirable or ill-intended individuals to communicate with my child over the internet, that there is no practical means for the district to prevent this from happening, and that my child must take responsibility to avoid communications if they are initiated. While I authorize district staff to monitor any communications to or from my child on the district's computer network and the internet, I recognize that it is not possible for the district to monitor all such communications. I have determined that the benefits of my child having access to the district's computer network and the internet outweigh potential risks, and I will not hold the district responsible for materials acquired or contacts made on the district's network or the internet.

**Agreement**

I have read and understand the district board policies which pertain to use of computer and network resources and agree to abide by their provisions.

I understand that I have no right to privacy when I use the district's computer network and the internet, and I consent to district's staff monitoring of my communications.

I further understand that any violation of these provisions may result in my suspension or revocation of my system access and related privileges, other disciplinary action, as appropriate, and possible legal action.

(Please check one box only)

**Acceptance** - I have read the Districts Computer/Internet Policy and **accept**. This will grant my child access to computer, network, and internet technology in the district.

**Internet Declination** - I have read the Districts Computer/Internet Policy and **do not** want my child to have access to district internet technology. This will grant my child access to the district computers and network with internet access disabled to their login.

**Full Declination** - I have read the Districts Computer/Internet Policy and **do not** want my child to have access to district computers, network, and internet technology. This will prevent my child from using any computer/internet technology in the district.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_