



## Iraan-Sheffield Independent School District

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Dear Parents:

Your child has an opportunity to be given access to the Iraan-Sheffield ISD's electronic communications system and needs your permission to do so. Your child will be able to communicate with other schools, colleges, organizations, and individuals around the world through the Internet and other electronic information systems/networks.

The Internet is a network of networks. Through the District's electronic communications system, your child will have access to hundreds of databases, libraries, and computer services all over the world. The Iraan-Sheffield ISD promotes the use of electronic communication while taking precautions to keep objectionable material inaccessible by our young people.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. It is important that you and your child read the enclosed District policy, administrative regulations, and agreement form and discuss these requirements together. Inappropriate system use will result in the loss of the privilege to use this educational tool as well as disciplinary action as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

Your student must have your permission before he/she may access the Internet, or benefit from other network applications available. I urge you to visit with your child's teacher about the electronic communication activities planned for their class if you have any concerns.

Please return the attached agreement form indicating your permission or denial of permission for your child to participate in the District's electronic communications system.

Sincerely,

Mike Meek  
Technology Coordinator  
Iraan-Sheffield ISD



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### Student Agreement for Acceptable Use of the Electronic Communications System

You are being given access to the District's electronic communications system. Through this system, you will be able to communicate with other schools, colleges, organizations, and people around the world through the Internet and other electronic information systems/networks. You will have access to hundreds of databases, libraries, and computer services all over the world.

With this educational opportunity comes responsibility. It is important that you read the District policy, administrative regulations, and agreement form and ask questions if you need help in understanding them. Inappropriate system use will result in the loss of the privilege to use this educational tool as well as subject you to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Please note that the Internet is a network of many types of communication and information networks. It is possible that you may run across areas of adult content and some material you or your parents might find objectionable. While the District will take reasonable steps to restrict access to such material *using an Internet Filtering system*, it is not possible to absolutely prevent such access. It will be your responsibility to follow the rules for appropriate use.

For students in grades six through twelve: You will be assigned an individual account, and you are responsible for not sharing the password for that account with others. The account is to be used mainly for identified educational purposes, but some limited personal use is permitted.

For students in grades kindergarten through fifth: You will have access only through your teacher's account.

Students with individual accounts will be held responsible at all times for the proper use of that account. The District may suspend or revoke an individual's access if the rules are violated.

#### **Inappropriate uses:**

- Using the system for any illegal purpose
- Posting personal information about yourself or others (such as addresses and phone numbers)
- Wasting school resources through the improper use of the computer system
- Posting messages or accessing materials that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal
- Borrowing someone's account without permission
- Downloading or using copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder
- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or resources

#### **Consequences for Inappropriate Use:**

- Suspension of access to the system;
- Revocation of the computer system account; or
- Other disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws.

**(Student and parent signatures are required on the back of this agreement)**

## Student Agreement

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my computer use is not private and that the District can monitor my activity on the computer system.

I have read the District's electronic communications system policy and administrative regulations and the Region 18 Education Service Center EDLINK 18 Acceptable Use Policy and agree to abide by their provisions. I understand that violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of system access.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Parent or Guardian Agreement

I have read the District's electronic communications system policy and administrative regulations. In consideration for the privilege of my child using the District's electronic communications system, and in consideration for having access to the public networks, I hereby release the District, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the system, including, without limitation, the type of damage identified in the District's policy and administrative regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I give permission for my child to participate in the District's electronic communications system by accessing the Internet and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.**

Signature of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **I do not give permission for my child to access the Internet or to have an e-mail account through the District's electronic communications system.**