

CORNING-PAINTED POST AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**\*PARENT/GUARDIAN NETWORK/INTERNET PERMISSION LETTER**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to offer students in the Corning-Painted Post Area School District access to the District Computer Network and the Internet. The Internet is a global computer network that is used by educators, students, government, business, and a host of other organizations and individuals to communicate electronically. As a learning resource, the Internet is similar to books, magazines, video, CD-ROM, and other information sources, except that it quite literally enables students to explore countless numbers of computers, networks, libraries, and databases from throughout the world. Use of the Internet for educational purposes will help students reach the benchmarks necessary to fulfill many of the requirements for high school graduation, including identifying resources, gathering information, communicating with others, and developing the technical skills they will need for life and work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

It must be made clear, however, that although your child's use of the Internet will be supervised, we cannot guarantee that a student will not be able to access information that you might consider objectionable. Therefore, it is imperative that both students and parents be aware of each individual student's responsibility for ethical and appropriate Internet use. Just as students are expected to behave properly in the classroom, school hallways, and on other school property, they will also be required to behave properly while using school computers and networks.

Technical resources are provided to help students meet their information needs within the context of teacher-planned assignments and school sponsored activities. Access to these resources, however, is a privilege, not a right. It is permitted only on the condition that a student agrees to act in a responsible manner. School staff reserve the right to suspend or terminate the use of the Network/Internet by any student who violates these policies. Similarly, Network/Internet use is subject to all policies and regulations that govern student behavior in other school activities.

Please review the attached Student Guidelines for Acceptable Network/Internet Use agreement that your child will be required to sign before being granted Network/Internet access. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss with your child your family's values on this subject and how those values also affect school Network/Internet use.

***You are not required to grant permission for your child to access the Network and Internet, but we firmly believe that Network/Internet use in an approved educational setting, with specific educational objectives and under appropriate supervision, will prove to be a positive learning experience for your child. Please understand that not granting permission for your child to have this access will mean that a wide range of educational resources, necessary for the successful completion of required class activities and projects, will not be available to your child. Also, be aware that without these resources, your child's eventual graduation from high school may be jeopardized.***

Please feel free to contact your school principal if you have questions about Network/Internet use and policies in the Corning-Painted Post Area School District.

**PLEASE SIGN BELOW YOUR STUDENT'S SIGNATURE  
ON THE STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FORM.**