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What is the Internet?

The Internet is often described as a “global computer network.” In reality, it is a multitude of different computer networks that can talk to each other by a specially developed interface protocol.

Introduction








To prepare students for the world in which they will participate and to provide them with resources and skills appropriate to the information age, The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is providing students with a variety of local electronic resources and access to the Internet. Students and teachers will have access to electronic mail (e-mail), public domain software, discussion and newsgroups, and a graphical access to the World Wide Web (WWW).

The use of the Internet will provide many direct and indirect benefits to our students. These include:

-  accessing vast libraries of information from sources throughout the world.
-  interacting and collaborating with other students and knowledgeable adults beyond the classroom.
-  developing knowledge and skills that will be useful throughout their lives.

Belief Statement

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is dedicated to enabling learners to lead productive and fulfilling lives. We do this through effective, systematic, and innovative use of technology in an environment that

-  values people.
-  fosters collaboration and positive relations.
-  encourages lifelong growth and development.
-  promotes the exchange of ideas and information anytime, anywhere.
-  extends the frontiers of the learning environment.
-  makes creative use of technology.
-  results in a more efficient and productive use of resources.

Although software is used to prevent access to objectionable materials, the content of available resources is beyond our control. Therefore, it is important that students and parents are aware of the ethical use of the Internet.



Acceptable Use Agreement for the Internet CONSENT FORM



The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board has an *Acceptable Use Agreement for the Internet* that has been explained to your son/daughter. **Please sign this form and return it to your son/daughter's school.**

The signatures of the students and parent/guardian (where the student has not reached the age of 18 years) are mandatory before access is granted for use of the Internet provided by The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.

As a user of The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's Internet facilities, I agree to comply with The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's *Acceptable Use Agreement for the Internet*.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name (please print): _____

Student's School: _____

Grade: _____ Date of Birth: Year _____ Month _____ Day _____

As parent/legal guardian of the above student, I have read the reverse side of this form, and I grant permission for my son/daughter to use Internet services provided by The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Street Address/Postal Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Please complete and return to your son/daughter's school.









Student Acceptable Use Agreement





Use of The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's connections to the Internet shall be for the exchange of information to support the user's education and research.



Network User Guidelines

-  The use of unauthorized software is **not** permitted.
-  Students **must** use teacher approved USER ID, and will be responsible for any activity that occurs through the use of that ID.
-  Users will **not** post, publish, or display any inflammatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, sexist or illegal material.
-  Users will **not** send or receive offensive messages or pictures from any source.
-  Users will **not** transmit, download, or print information or software violating copyright laws.
-  Posting messages and attributing them to another user is **unacceptable**.

Vandalism

-  Transmission of any software for the purpose of damaging computer systems or files (e.g., computer viruses) is prohibited. All software and files downloaded will be systematically checked for viruses before they are used on the Board's system.
-  Any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of any person, computer, or network is prohibited.

Security

-  Users may **not** share their passwords or accounts with others and must make every effort to safeguard this information from unauthorized users.
-  Users may **not** give out personal information such as: their home address, telephone number, or credit card numbers. Users **may** use the school's address instead, but may **not** publish the school's telephone number.

Other











The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will provide Internet activity for educational purposes **ONLY**. Users may **not** use this access to advertise or take money. The Board makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Board will not be responsible for any damages a user incurs. Use of information from the Internet is at a student's own risk.

Failure to observe these rules will result in loss of computer privileges and/or other consequences consistent with the school code of behaviour.



Guidelines for Internet Use



-  Use equipment for educational purposes **ONLY**.
-  Keep passwords **CONFIDENTIAL**.
-  Show **RESPECT** for people and organizations.
-  Use **ONLY** authorized software.
-  Be **POLITE** and **WELL MANNERED** when using e-mail.
-  Do **NOT** break copyright laws.
-  Do **NOT** access or post offensive material.
-  Do **NOT** harm or destroy data of a person, computer or network.
-  **RESPECT** other people's time – keep messages brief.
-  **LOGOFF** as soon as you have completed your task.

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