



Internet Use and Photo Consent Agreement

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) promotes 21st-century learning and believes all students and staff deserve equitable access to engaging and authentic learning experiences. To support this learning, HWDSB promotes the acceptable use of technology, tools and social media.

Please read and understand all five sections and sign in the six shaded areas where appropriate. If you have concerns or questions, please contact your school principal.

SECTION ONE - Positive Participation

HWDSB provides Internet access as well as digital tools and resources for educational purposes. Users of these tools and resources are held accountable for their behaviour in accordance with directives that relate to Privacy, Ownership & Authorship, Identity, Credibility and Positive Participation, as well as HWDSB's Code of Conduct and other associated policies.

IN SUMMARY

HWDSB expects appropriate behaviour online and face to face.

SECTION TWO - Third-party Tools and Resources

HWDSB students and staff agree to abide by the Terms of Service when using digital tools and resources. Digital tools that require parental consent are listed at www.hwdsb.on.ca/learning/21st-century-learning.

IN SUMMARY

HWDSB uses different websites and online tools; some require parental permission to use.

CONSENT 1 of 6

Where parental consent is required, I agree to the Terms of Service agreements for digital tools and resources that help support my child's education at HWDSB.

OR

Where specific consent is required, as a student over age 18, I agree to the Terms of Service agreements of the digital tools and resources that help support my education at HWDSB.

YES ___ NO ___ INITIALS _____

SECTION THREE - Privacy and Collection of Personal Information

Your consent (below) allows for images to be collected and students to be identified, with additional consent. Scenarios may include:

- School activities reported in school/Board newsletters or websites.
- Media outlets - print, TV or radio - may visit a school to document newsworthy events.
- Students in extra-curricular activities may be recorded in images for school/Board use.
- Teachers may record students as part of their educational program.
- Students may video conference to support learning.
- Student names and images may be recorded for graduation, theatre, awards, brochures assignments and honour rolls.

IN SUMMARY

At times, videos and photos are taken at HWDSB schools and events. These images may appear in school newsletters, websites, or in the media. We need permission to use these photos and videos, and additional permission to identify students by name.

CONSENT 2 of 6

I consent to the use of **my child's image** in the scenarios mentioned above.

OR

I am over 18 and I consent to the use of my image in the scenarios mentioned above.

YES _____ NO _____ INITIALS _____

CONSENT 3 of 6

I consent to **my child being identified by name** in the scenarios mentioned above (e.g. in news articles, website posts, social media).

OR

I am over 18 and I consent to being identified by name in the scenarios mentioned above (e.g. news articles, website posts, social media).

YES _____ NO _____ INITIALS _____

SECTION FOUR - Creative and Academic Works

Before sharing creative student work with a larger audience, we need your consent. In some cases, we will name the creator of the work, if you give consent. Outlets where we may share creative work include:

- School yearbook
- School/community/media publications or broadcasts
- Classroom websites/blogs and video projects
- Other web resources
- Classroom social media accounts (e.g. Twitter, YouTube, etc.)
- Art exhibits.

IN SUMMARY

HWDSB acknowledges that students and staff are the authors of their creative and academic work.

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I consent to the use of **my child's creative/academic work** in scenarios mentioned above.

OR

I am 18 and I consent to the use of my creative/academic work in scenarios mentioned above.

YES _____ NO _____ INITIALS _____

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I consent to **my child being named as the author/creator** of creative and academic work shared in scenarios above (e.g. news articles, website posts, art exhibits, etc.).

OR

I am 18 and I consent to being named as the author/creator of creative and academic work shared in scenarios above (e.g. news articles, website posts, art exhibits, etc.).

YES _____ NO _____ INITIALS _____

SECTION FIVE - LIABILITY

I agree to release and hold harmless HWDSB and its employees, agents, officers and Trustees from any damage, expense, injury, claim or loss incurred as a result of:

- (a) The student's failure to comply with the terms and conditions outlined above or any applicable HWDSB policy.
- (b) The student's willful misconduct or negligent acts and omissions in using digital tools and resources offered for educational purposes.

I agree that any failure to comply with the terms and conditions above may result in the loss of privileges by a student as well as other discipline that HWDSB deems appropriate.

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We have read, understand and agree to the above terms and conditions:

Student Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Name: _____

Student's Name (Printed): _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

Date: _____