

# HWDSB Internet Use and Photo Consent Agreement

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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. 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](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/learning/21st-century-learning).

### IN SUMMARY

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

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.

## SECTION THREE - **Privacy and Collection of Personal Information**

Your consent 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.

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## SECTION FOUR - Creative and Academic Works

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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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## 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.