



Academy of Richmond County Consent for Internet Access



My child has my permission to use the Internet and all World Wide Web resources available at the Academy of Richmond County. The sole reason for the use of the Internet is for curriculum related projects and/or instruction.

After reading the Internet policies for the school and county, I understand fully that my child is to comply with rules set forth in these policies. (The Internet policies for the school and county can be found on the reverse side of this document.)

By signing this document, I am stating that I have read and discussed with my child the importance of complying with all rules set forth by the school and county concerning the school's computer network and the Internet.

It is understood by both of us that any infraction or violation of these rules can lead to loss of this privilege and possibly, criminal prosecution as governed by the Georgia "Computer Systems Protection Act," Code 1981, 16-9-90, enacted by Ga. L. 1991, P1045.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Please sign and print your name on the line above.

Signature of Student: _____

Please sign and print your name on the line above.

Date: _____

Advisement Teacher: _____

* Note: Consent forms will be kept on file in the library media center. It is the student's responsibility to inform the adult on duty in the library media center that he/she will be using the Internet and to present their school ID badge before utilizing the computers.

Academy of Richmond County School Web Page and Video Release

It is the policy of the Richmond County Board of Education to allow reasonable access to students for the purpose of using and/or producing photographs, videos, movies, recordings, likenesses, and/or the voice of any student for the internal and external promotional and information activities of the Richmond County School System so long as such activities are legal, including the protection afforded by the Family Education Rights

to Privacy Act (FERPA) any and privacy rights granted under general legal protections.

This policy is subject to the following conditions:

1. The Superintendent or his designee (currently, the Public Information Director) must grant prior permission to allow a request for the use of a photograph(s) or any other medium stated above. The Superintendent or his designee shall have the right to refuse any such referral for photograph or other internal or external promotional or informational activity publicity.
2. The parent or guardian of the student, if the student is under 18 years of age, must have consented in advance in writing by executing a Photo and Video Release Form.
3. The School District will use its best efforts to have the Photo and Video Release Form executed upon the registration of each child into the School District each year.
4. This Photo and Video Release Form shall be on file in the appropriate school and be referenced upon request to confirm if such student has permission for photographs or other promotional or instructional activities
5. It is understood that when employees and students attend meetings that are under the Open Meetings Act that the media can take photographs and the likenesses that might personally identify the parent or student notwithstanding this policy. Examples are School Board meetings and School Council meetings.
6. The Photo and Video Release Form to be used shall be the one attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Superintendent has authority to modify the release if circumstances warrant it.
7. The photographs, video, movie, recording, likeness and or voice of the student may be used by the media solely for the event for which it was taken.
8. Certain students from Abuse Shelters or students classified as homeless under the Stewart-McKinney Act attend Richmond County schools. The school officials will not include these students automatically under this policy. The identity of these students will be protected unless the guardian and shelter official agree at the time, not in advance.

I do hereby grant Richmond County Schools the unlimited right to use and/or produce photographs, likenesses or the voice of my child in any legal manner and for the internal and external promotional and informational activities of Richmond County Schools. I also agree to allow my child's work and/or photograph to be published on the Richmond County School Internet web site, and RCBOE publications. I further understand that my signing this release, I waive any and all present or future compensation rights to the use of the above stated materials.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please sign and print your name on the line above.

Date: _____

RICHMOND COUNTY POLICY FOR STUDENT ACCESS TO INTERNET

Richmond County Procedures for Access to the Internet Access to the Internet provides teachers and students with educational opportunities and resources that are unsurpassed by any other means. It brings worldwide multimedia resources (articles, books, maps, photographs, etc.) to the classroom, provides extensive research tools and methods for global communications. Internet access will increase the information and resources to classrooms, aid students in becoming more responsible and independent learners.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world with millions of individual subscribers. The student has access to: electronic mail communication around the world, information and news from NASA (for example) as well as the opportunity to discussions with scientists at NASA and other research institutions, public domain and shareware software of all kinds, "chat" groups on a wide range of topics, and access to many University Library Catalogs, the Library of Congress and ERIC. With this access to computers and information also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in a school setting. The valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the materials that a user could obtain that is not consistent with the educational goals for Richmond County. This requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of all network resources. Proper conduct by the students and adherence to the guidelines stated below are essential.

Acceptable use policy

1. Internet is accessed only for support of the instructional program and the curriculum as outlined in the Richmond County Curriculum Guides.
2. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited, including copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material or material protected by trade secret.
3. Use for commercial activities is prohibited.
4. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is prohibited.
5. Netiquette - Generally accepted rules of network etiquette shall include, but not limited to the following; Be polite, use appropriate language, no swearing or vulgarities; E-Mail is not necessarily private, therefore be careful about what you say about others; no disruptive use of the network, such as "chain letters" or other non-educational traffic; remember statements offered by the user are a personal opinion and do not necessarily reflect the views of Richmond County Schools
6. Internet usage is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges and may result in disciplinary action.
7. Security - Students are not to reveal their personal information (home address, telephone number, social security number, etc.) to other individuals on the Internet. On E-Mail, use only school addresses.
8. Vandalism - Vandalism is defined as any attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software or data of another user, Internet or any agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Vandalism will result in the immediate cancellation of privileges and disciplinary action.
9. No software of any kind may be brought from the student's home for use on any school computer.
10. Each school media/ technology committee shall establish an individual school Internet policy in accordance with this Richmond county policy.

ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY INTERNET POLICY

The Internet access, provided in the high school library, is a privilege and is to be used for **INSTRUCTIONAL** purposes only. In order for it to be properly used and to allow maximum access to all students *and faculty*, the following guidelines have been implemented.

1. **Your teacher is your key to Internet usage.** *Your teacher must request* that you use the Internet's resources as an extension to the curriculum by issuing- *a written pass with the topic to be researched clearly stated on that pass.* (During lunch periods, students do not need to have permission from a teacher to use the Internet: however, instructional demands receive first priority to "browsing".)
2. When you present the permit to the library secretary or the media specialist, you will be authorized to use the internet.
3. You should sign the Sign-In Sheet, which is located at the Circulation desk. Sign the date, name, time, and which computer you are going to use.
4. A fifteen minute time limit must be followed, if others are waiting to use the computer.
5. Be prudent when using the Internet's research capabilities. Sometimes, use of reference/research sources on the Internet can incur a fee. If you have a doubt about the cost of a particular area, please see the adult in charge in the library.
6. The Georgia General Assembly has found that "computer related crime is a growing, problem in the government and in the private sector," and as such the state of Georgia has defined and detailed the liability for all persons involved in computer crimes. The short title of the article is cited as the "Georgia Computer Systems Protection Act." (Code 1931, 11¶16-9-90, enacted by Ga. L. 1991, p1045, ¶1.)
7. E-mail, Internet relay chat, remote access, and file transfers are to be used **ONLY** when an adult is supervising the operation. This means your teacher or another school staff member will be assisting you, directly.
8. Students are not allowed to access the RCBOE Intranet for messaging or manipulation of settings.
9. **Prior to using the Internet, you must complete the form on the reverse side, have your parents sign the form and return it to the media center in order to use Internet on school premises.**