

NEWFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMPUTER USE AGREEMENT

The Newfield Central School District is pleased to offer students and staff access to a computer network for Internet use and E-mail (staff only). To gain access to the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission. Should a parent prefer that a student not have Internet access, use of the computers is still possible for word processing, local library research and classroom projects.

What is Possible?

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries and databases. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. The District uses Filters (see policy below) to prevent access to these sites. While our intent is to make Internet access available for educational purposes, some students may find ways around the filters to access these other materials. These students will lose their school Internet privileges. We believe that the benefits to students of having Internet access – information resources and opportunities for collaboration – exceed the disadvantages. However, since parents and guardians are responsible for setting boundaries for their children, the Newfield Central School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for Internet access in school.

Filtering Policy

Pursuant to the Children's Internet Protection Act, Newfield Central School District has developed an Internet Filtering Policy. Every computer in the District with Internet access shall be subjected to filtering. Such filtering software shall also be designed and it shall operate so that images and text which are deemed harmful to minors by the Newfield Central School District shall not be displayed. The District's Internet filtering methodology is based on groups and policies. All Internet traffic is monitored and logged. Comprehensive reports can be produced at any time with the Superintendent's approval. Logs will be archived and kept indefinitely.

Student E-mail

Student personal E-mail accounts are not permitted. Classroom accounts and special situation E-mail accounts may be issued.

What is expected?

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or school hallway. Communications on the network are public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

Access is a privilege, not a right and may be revoked if abused. The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students to agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner.

Individual users of the District's computer networks are responsible for his/her actions in accessing and utilizing the District's computer resources. It is expected that users will comply with District standards and will honor the agreements signed. When student users access files that may be considered inappropriate, the parent/guardian will be informed. Adult users who access inappropriate sites may be disciplined and/or reported to law enforcement.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE AND RETURN TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE (ADULT USER) OR TO YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE (STUDENT USER).

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PERMISSION FORM FOR USE OF COMPUTERS 2013-2014

As a user of the Newfield Central School District's computer network, I hereby agree to follow the guidelines (see reverse) and to use the school computers (including accessing the Internet if permitted to do so) in an appropriate manner.

Student/User Last Name (please print) Student/User First Name (please print)

Grade/Graduation Year:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade K (2026) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 1 (2025) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 2 (2024) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 (2023) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 (2022) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 5 (2021) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 6 (2020) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 7 (2019) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 (2018) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 9 (2017) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 10 (2016) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 11 (2015) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 12 (2014) | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff | |

Student/User Signature

Date

PERMISSION FORM FOR USE OF INTERNET

(For students only)

- No. Please do not allow my child to access the Internet at school.
- Yes. My child may use the Internet while at school and in accordance with the rules outlined in this document.

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services while at school and for educational or instructional purposes. I understand that s/he may be held liable for violations of District policy regarding computer/Internet use and that I will be contacted if my son/daughter is accessing questionable material.

Parent's Name (please print)

Phone Number

Signature

Date