

**Rome Community Consolidated School District Two  
Dix, Illinois**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC NETWORK ACCESS**

All use of the Internet shall be consistent with Rome Grade School's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. This Authorization does not attempt to state all required or proscribed behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. The failure of any user to follow the terms of the Authorization for Electronic Network Access will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action. The signature at the end of this document is legally binding and indicates the party who signed has read the terms and conditions carefully and understands their significance.

**Terms and Conditions**

1. Acceptable Use – Access to Rome Grade School's electronic networks must be (1) for the purpose of education or research, and be consistent with the educational objectives of Rome Grade School, or (b) for a legitimate business use.
2. Privileges – The use of Rome Grade School's electronic networks is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The principal will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has misused this Authorization and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time; his or her decision is final.
3. Unacceptable Use – The user is responsible for his or her actions and activities involving the network. Some examples of unacceptable uses are:
  - Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright laws or other contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any U.S. or State law;
  - Unauthorized downloading of software, regardless of whether it is copyrighted or de-virused;
  - Downloading copyrighted material for other than personal use;
  - Using the network for private financial or commercial gain;
  - Wastefully using resources, such as file space;
  - Hacking or gaining unauthorized access to files, resources or entities;
  - Invading the privacy of individuals, which includes the unauthorized disclosure, dissemination, and use of information about anyone that is of a personal nature;
  - Using another user's account or password
  - Posting material authored or created by another without his/her consent
  - Posting anonymous messages;
  - Using the network for commercial or private advertising
  - Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material; and
  - Using the school's network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.
5. No Warranties – Rome Grade School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Rome Grade School will not be responsible for any damages the user suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or the user's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. Rome Grade School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
6. Indemnification – The user agrees to indemnify Rome Grade School for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the district relating to, or arising out of, any breach of this Authorization.

7. Security – Network security is a high priority. If you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify the system administrator or the principal. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Keep your account and password confidential. Do not use another individual’s account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log-on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as security risk may be denied access to the network.
8. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
9. Telephone Charges – Rome Grade School assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.
10. Copyright Web Publishing Rules – Copyright law and Rome Grade School policy prohibit the re-publishing of text or graphics found on the Web or on District Web sites or file servers, without explicit written permission.
11. Use of Electronic Mail – Rome Grade School’s electronic mail system, and its constituent software, hardware, and data files, are owned and controlled by the school district. Rome Grade School provides e-mail to aid staff members in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities, and as an educational tool.

**Internet Safety**

1. Internet access is limited to only those “acceptable uses,” as detailed in these procedures. Internet safety is almost assured if users will not engage in “unacceptable uses,” as detailed in this Authorization, and otherwise follow this Authorization.
2. Staff members shall supervise students while students are using Rome Grade School’s Internet access to ensure that the students abide by the Terms and Conditions for Internet access contained in this Authorization.
3. Each Rome Grade School computer with Internet access has a filtering device that blocks entry to visual depictions that are (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3) harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by the Children’s Internet Protection Act and as determined by the Superintendent or designee.
4. The system administrator and principal shall monitor student Internet access.

Remember that access to the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Students, as well as staff members are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations for online behavior or risk losing access to school computers, disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action. Parents/guardians should read and discuss the Authorization for Electronic Network Access with their children. Parents/guardians, students, and staff members must sign this agreement in order for it to be valid. If there are any student infractions, parents/guardians will be notified.

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Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Substitute Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_