

STUDENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT AND APPLICATION FOR INTERNET USAGE AND E-MAIL ACCOUNT

An on-line service is provided by the Mahoning County Board of Education through it's Data Acquisition Site, hereafter cited as DAS, and West Branch Local Schools.

Computers and use of the District Network or On-line Services Network *are* to support learning and to enhance instruction as well as assist in the administration of the District. All computers are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner. Failure to adhere to the guidelines below will result in the revocation of the user's access privilege.

Unacceptable uses of the computer/network include but are not limited to:

1. violating the conditions of the Ohio Revised Code dealing with students' and employees' rights to privacy;
2. *using* profanity, obscenity, or other language which may be offensive to another user;
3. reposting (forwarding) personal communication without the author's prior consent;
4. copying commercial software in violation of copyright law;
5. using the network for financial gain, for commercial activity, or for any illegal activity;
6. accessing inappropriate material, and;
7. downloading of freeware or shareware programs.

Because access to on-line services provides connections to other computer-systems located all over the world, users (and parents of users) must understand that neither the school nor the district can control the content of the information available on these systems.

School employees, students, and parents of students must be aware that the privileges to access on-line services will be withdrawn from users who do not respect the rights of others or who do not follow the rules and regulations established by the school and the district. The attached user's agreement must be signed to indicate the user's acknowledgment of the risks and regulations for computer/on-line services use.

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I understand and will abide by the provisions and conditions of this contract. I understand that any violations of the above provisions may result in disciplinary action, the revoking of these privileges, and appropriate legal action. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to the West Branch Local School District system administrators.

Student's name: (print) _____

Student's signature: _____

Date: _____ Building: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

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PARENT OR GUARDIAN: As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the above terms and conditions for West Branch Local Schools Internet use. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and the West Branch Local School District and the ACCESS Area Computer Consortium have taken available precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the West Branch Local Schools and the ACCESS Area Computer Consortium to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials this student may acquire on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue and Internet Usage and E-Mail account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____