

Sachem Central School District

Lake Ronkonkoma, New York 11779

Dear Parents:

Welcome to your child's future! It's an exciting place and time. As educators, we're excited by the possibilities the Internet provides for stimulating your child's creativity and imagination, increasing global awareness, and encouraging lifelong learning.

The Internet is a global computer network that connects over two billion people throughout the world. We, in Sachem, are using the Internet to enhance your student's education through high speed fiber lines connecting to the rich resources of the World Wide Web.

The following is a partial list of opportunities students will have with Internet access:

- Research using the most up-to-date sources such as NASA and CNN.
- Participate in global projects that can take them to any continent in the world or throughout the United States.
- Take "electronic field trips" to the Louvre or the White House.
- Exchange scientific observations, essays and other types of work with other students around the world in seconds.
- Communicate with scientists, educators, explorers and other experts.
- Publish their work for the world to see on the World Wide Web.
- Hone computer and Internet skills that employers demand.
- Encourage an attitude of lifelong learning.

Student's Responsibilities:

- Understand and adhere to rules of on-line behavior called netiquette.
- Read and sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) outlining the school's policy and rules of Internet use.
- Protect their privacy by not revealing personal information such as their phone number, address and e-mail.

Parent's Responsibilities:

- Read and sign the school's Acceptable Use Policy.
- Expect high standards of on-line behavior from your child.
- Express an interest in your child's on-line projects and research

Students will be supervised at all times by a teacher, library media specialist or staff member while using the Internet.

People Photographs – Web Pages – Parent Authorization:

While we understand the merits associated with the Sachem web pages, we are also cognizant of the fact that these web pages are accessible through the Internet on a worldwide basis. We also understand that there are individuals in this world who misuse information that is available through the Internet. While we do not suggest that any of the information that is on the Sachem web pages has been misused, or will be misused, it is important that the appropriate adult grant permission for our use of pictures of people on our web pages.

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STUDENT ACCEPTANCE FORM

(student last name) **(please print)** (student first name) (school)

Student ID Number _____

I have read the Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that I may keep my Internet account as long as I follow the rules of this policy. I further understand that Internet access is a privilege which may be removed for violation of these rules and that such violations may also result in disciplinary consequences.

(student signature) (date)

PARENT ACCEPTANCE FORM

As the parent or guardian of the above named student, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that Internet access is for educational purposes and that the Sachem School District will exercise reasonable precautions to prevent access to controversial material. However, I also recognize that it is impossible to restrict access to all materials and I will not hold the district liable for material acquired on the network. The Sachem Central School District has my permission to give an Internet account to my child. I understand that this access will be valid as long as the policy is adhered to or until this form is required to be updated.

(parent or guardian signature) (date)

I do not give my child permission to use the Internet.

(parent or guardian signature) (date)

WEB PAGE PICTURES

I do do not authorize the Sachem School District to use any pictures (including name) of my child _____ grade _____ on the Sachem web pages in the _____ school year.

(parent or guardian signature) (date)

**PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM TEACHER.
PLEASE USE ONE FORM FOR EACH CHILD.**