

SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS  
DINGEMAN ELEMENTARY  
NETWORK USE GUIDELINES

Student Network Responsibility Contract:

Please read the following carefully before signing this document. This is a contract and must be signed before you will be given access to San Diego City Schools' Wide Area Network (WAN). The WAN is an electronic network with access to the Internet. The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual people.

Students will have access to:

1. Electronic mail (E-mail) communication with people all over the world;
2. Information and news from a variety of sources and research institutions;
3. Public domain and shareware software of all types;
4. Discussion groups on a wide variety of topics;
5. Many University Libraries, the Library of Congress, and more.
6. Dingeman's web site

Although most of the information accessible at school by students is educational and informative, San Diego City Schools and Dingeman Elementary have taken responsible precautions to restrict access to controversial materials by placing a filter on the Internet system at school.

The teacher/staff will supervise resources used on the Internet to help students find materials that are appropriate for classroom instruction and/or research for the needs, maturity, and ability of their students. San Diego City Schools takes no responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information from Internet sources. Use of any information obtained through the Internet is at the user's risk.

The signatures at the end of this document are binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand the following:

- I. Acceptable Use. The purpose of schools having access to the WAN and Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work.
- II. Netiquette (Network Etiquette). The use of the WAN and Internet requires that you abide by accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to the following:
  - A. Be polite. Do not send abusive messages to anyone.
  - B. Use appropriate language. In all messages, do not swear or use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Anything pertaining to illegal activities is strictly forbidden. (Note: E-mail is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages retaining to, or in support of, illegal activities must be reported to appropriate authorities.)
  - C. Maintain privacy. Do not reveal the personal address or phone number of yourself or other persons.
  - D. Respect copyrights. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be the property of the author and should not be reused without his/her permission.
  - E. Do not disrupt the network. Do not use the network in a way that would disrupt the use of the network by others.

- III. Privileges. The use of the WAN and Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges.
- IV. Vandalism. Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
- V. Web Site - Our school web site may contain information about your child and their schoolwork as well as display their pictures. Your child's teacher will monitor all content published about your Child's schoolwork. Full names will NOT be published, only first names. Your child's name will NOT be published next to any photo.

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I understand and will abide by the above terms and conditions for access to the WAN and/or Internet.

Student's Name (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardian Network Responsibility Contact:

(If user is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement) As the parent of guardian of this student, I have read the above terms and conditions. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and San Diego City Schools and Dingeman Elementary have taken precautions to eliminate controversial materials. However, I also recognize it is impossible for San Diego City Schools and Dingeman Elementary to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. If my child has access to WAN and /or Internet in a setting other than school, I acknowledge that the school district is not responsible for the material my child may access. I hereby give my permission for my child to have access to the WAN and Internet.

Parent or Guardian (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby give my permission for my child to be part of a classroom Web page as described in paragraph V. Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_