

Student Grade K-8 Electronic Access Permission Form

Galena Unified School District 499

The Galena Unified School District 499 Board of Education is pleased to offer students and patrons of the District access to the District's local area network for email and web access. To gain access to email and the internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental/guardian permission and must provide digital consent to this form during the online registration process.

Access to email and the internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the internet may contain items that are defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. All internet access in District is filtered in accordance to state and federal guidelines and we believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards their children should follow when using digital media and information sources. To that end, the Galena Unified School District 499 supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to provide consent for access for their child.

Internet and Email Rules

Students are responsible for appropriate online behavior just as they are responsible for appropriate behavior in the classroom or hallways. Communications online are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research, collaborate, and communicate with others. Access to the network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent/Guardian permission is required. Access is a privilege - not a right. Access entails responsibility.

It is presumed that users will comply with district standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Users should not expect that files stored on district-owned devices will always be private. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers will guide students toward appropriate material. The following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, bullying, insulting or attacking others

- Vandalism or sabotage of digital resources, user accounts, or local area networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Trespassing in another's work, files, digital resources, or accounts
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial or personal purposes.

Violations may result in the loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

- As a student user of the Galena Unified School District 499 technology resources, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules - communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.
- As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access the networked technology services such as email and the internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some material on the internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of internet use - setting and conveying standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.

By providing digital consent during the online registration you are agreeing to these terms and conditions.