

# CHIRENO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2008 – 2009 Parent/Guardian Internet Permission Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to offer students at Chireno ISD access to the Internet. The Internet is a global computer network that is used by educators, students, government, business, and a host of other organizations and individuals to communicate electronically. As a learning resource, the Internet is similar to books, magazines, video, CD-ROM, and other information sources, except that it quite literally enables students to explore countless numbers of computers, networks, libraries, and databases from throughout the world. Use of the Internet for educational purposes will assist students in identifying resources; gathering information, and developing the technical skills they will need for life and work in the twenty first century.

It must be made clear, however, that although your child's use of the Internet will be supervised, we cannot guarantee that a student will not be able to access information that you might consider to be objectionable. Therefore, it is imperative that both students and their parents be aware of each individual student's responsibility for ethical and appropriate Internet use. Just as students are expected to behave properly in the classroom and school hallways, they will also be required to behave responsibly while using school computers and networks. Technical resources are provided to help students meet their information needs within the context of teacher-planned assignments and school-sponsored activities. Access to these resources, however, is a privilege, not a right. It is permitted only on the condition that a student agrees to act in a responsible manner. School staff reserves the right to suspend or terminate the use of the Internet by any student who violates these policies. Similarly, Internet use is subject to all policies and regulations that govern student behavior in other school activities.

Please review the attached Student Guidelines for Acceptable Internet Use agreement that your child will be required to read and sign before being granted Internet access. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss your family's values with your child and how they too, should affect Internet use. Please feel free to contact the campus at (936)362-2132 if you have any questions about Internet use or Internet policies at Chireno ISD. You are not required to grant permission for your child to access the Internet, but we firmly believe that internet use in an approved educational setting, with specific educational objectives, and under appropriate supervision will prove to be a positive learning experience for your child.

Parent/Guardian: "I have read this letter and the Student Guidelines for Acceptable Internet Use, and give permission for my son/daughter to use the Internet at Chireno ISD."

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign BOTH sides of this paper.**