

**APPLICATION FOR INTERNET  
ACCOUNT THROUGH  
CARLISLE LOCAL SCHOOLS**

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**Overview**

Internet access is now available to students and teachers in the Carlisle Local School District. This access is being offered as part of a collaborative effort between the Carlisle Local Schools and the Southwest Ohio Computer Association (SWOCA), the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), and the National Science Foundation (NSF). We are very pleased to bring this access to Carlisle Local Schools and believe the SWOCA connection offers vast, diverse and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to students and teachers is to promote educational excellence in Carlisle Schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The SWOCA connection is an electronic network which accesses the Internet. The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and tens of millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers will have the capability to: access electronic mail, communicate with people throughout the world, access information and news from NASA, correspond with scientists at NASA and other resource facilities and institutions, use public domain and shareware software of all types, participate in discussion groups on a plethora of topics, and access University Library Catalogs, the Library of Congress, OhioLink and ERIC.

With access to computers and people all over the world, there exists the potential that some material may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Carlisle Local Schools will take precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network, it is virtually impossible to control all materials, and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this world-wide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the Carlisle Local School District.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, regional, and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end-users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a user violates any of these provisions, his or her account with the Carlisle Local Schools and SWOCA will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicate(s) the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### For Obtaining An Internet Account

**1. ACCEPTABLE USE.** The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Carlisle Local Schools District. Use of other organizations, networks, or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or materials protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities by for-profit institutions is generally not acceptable. Use for product and advertisement of political lobbying is also prohibited.

**2. PRIVILEGES.** The use of this Internet connection is a privilege. Therefore, an inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Each student who receives an account will be a part of a discussion with a Carlisle Local School faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network. The systems administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the systems administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty and staff of the Carlisle Local School District may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

**3. NETIQUETTE.** You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Be polite. Do not become abusive in your messages to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- Do not reveal your personal address, phone number, or password (or those of other students or colleagues). Do not share your account with others.
- Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to ALL mail! Messages relating to, or in support of, illegal activities may be reported to the proper authorities.
- Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users. Do not begin or contribute to chain letters.
- All communication and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private.
- Delete e-mail in a timely fashion to avoid excessive use of the server disk space.

**4. CARLISLE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.** Makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied for the service it is providing. Carlisle Local Schools will not be responsible for any damages you may suffer. This includes, but is not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by negligence, errors, or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. The Carlisle Local School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its Internet connection.

**5. SECURITY.** Security on any computer system is a high priority especially when the system involves many end-users. If you feel you can identify a security problem through our Internet connection with SWOCA, or the Internet in general, you must notify the systems administrator immediately. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individuals' account without permission from that individual. Attempts to login to the system as any other user will result in cancellation of user

privileges. Attempts to login to SWOCA as a systems administrator will result in the cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to SWOCA and the Internet.

**6. VANDALISM.** Vandalism will result in cancellation of user privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

**7. UPDATING YOUR USER INFORMATION.** The Carlisle Local School District and SWOCA **may** occasionally require new registration and account information from you to continue the service. You must notify the Carlisle Local School District system administrator of any changes in your account information such as address, phone number, guardian, etc.

**8. EXCEPTIONS OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS.** All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to the Carlisle Local School District, SWOCA and all servers connected through SWOCA. These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior written or oral agreements and understandings of the parties. These terms and conditions shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, United States of America.

The Carlisle Local School District and SWOCA will periodically make determination on whether specific use of the Network are consistent with the Terms and Conditions of this agreement. The School District and SWOCA reserves the right to log Internet use and to monitor electronic mail space utilization by users.

I understand and will abide by the provisions in the above Terms and Conditions. I further understand that violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation my access privilege may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action.

User Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### APPLICATION PORTION OF DOCUMENT

User's Full Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

I am a (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Student attending (School name) \_\_\_\_\_ and in grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher, teaching (Subject/grade) \_\_\_\_\_ at (Building name)  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Employee working at (Location) \_\_\_\_\_

When your account has been established, you will be notified of your login name and user password. Thank you for your interest and support of this exciting new resource in the Carlisle Local School District.

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION**

If you are under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this document.

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child has requested access to the Carlisle Local School District's Internet connection through SWOCA, the Southwest Ohio Computer Association. The school district is now able to offer Internet access to all students given the written consent of a parent and a sponsoring teacher.

The Internet is an international network of networks and is the communication and information highway of the future. Through the network, your student will have access to thousands of databases, libraries, and computer services from all over the world. The Internet consists of over 10,000 computer networks in over 50 countries. Your child will also be given an Internet address allowing him/her to correspond with any of an estimated 10 million users on the Internet. Please note that the Internet is an association of diverse communication and information networks. Although the vast majority of the information found on the Internet is of educational value, it is possible that your child may run across areas of adult content and some material you might find objectionable. While we do not condone or encourage access to such material, it is not possible for us to prevent that access. You, as a parent, must encourage your child to use the Internet in a responsible fashion in the same manner other media and resources are used.

Part of the school district's responsibility in preparing our students of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is to provide them access to the tools they will be using as adults. We believe that the use of this global information network is one of those tools. We accept the responsibility for informing your child about his/her role as a "network citizen" and the code of ethics involved with this new global community.

Attached to this letter are several important documents including:

- An overview to the districts Internet connection.
- An application for your student to read and sign stating his/her agreement to follow the Terms and Conditions set forth.
- This Parent Permission form indicating that you have read the Terms and Conditions yourself and agree to support them.
- An endorsement from a teacher who will help reinforce the contents of this document with your son or daughter.

Please review these materials carefully with your child before signing the required application form. By signing this, I agree to accept full responsibility for my child using the Internet responsibly.

Parent of Guardian (please print)

Student Name (please print)

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Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORING TEACHER ENDORSEMENT**

(Must be signed if the applicant is a student)

I have read the Terms and Conditions and agree to promote this agreement with the student. Because the student may use the network for individual work or in the context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student's use of the network. As the sponsoring teacher, I do agree to inform the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette and for assuring that the student understands that if she/he misuses the network she/he will lose her/his account. Particular concerns to be discussed include issues of privacy, copyright infringement, e-mail etiquette, computer viruses, and the intended use of the Internet resources.

Student's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_