

Parent Letter Opt-Out Procedure

2007-2008

Columbia SD Internet and Network Use:

In recognition of the importance the Internet and use of the K-20 network plays in our daily tasks we have decided to implement an "opt-out" procedure regarding student network accounts for the 2007-2008 school year. This means that all middle school and high school students will be issued a school district network and e-mail account to begin the school year. As parent or guardian of a Columbia S.D. student you will need to contact us if you "Do Not" wish for your student to use the Internet, school network, or e-mail. Elementary students normally use computers through teacher-accessed accounts and will not be issued an individual account unless there is a specific request from teacher and parent. All students using the school network and internet access via the K-20 system will be required to read and sign off that they have read and do understand the District Acceptable Use Policy. Violation of the policy will result in the student losing their access rights for a period of two weeks on the first offense and up to the entire year for a subsequent offense. Obviously, loss of network access can adversely affect grades and the ability to complete class objectives. We have asked our teachers to discuss the network acceptable use guidelines, as they appear online at the new school website with their students, The students will then be asked to sign a sheet stating they have read and understand the guidelines. This student list will be turned in to Mr. Taylor at the Middle School or Mr. Miller at the High School. New students or those who miss the "class" presentation of the guidelines will be able to sign and turn in a separate form after having read the guidelines independently. It should be pointed out that in accordance with CIPA (the Children Internet Protection Act), Columbia SD has implemented a district-wide Internet filter system. It must also be known that these measures are by no means 100% successful. Parents wishing to "opt-out" of giving their student school Internet and network access should contact:

Mr. Kramer 547-2136 ext 421 akramer@csd.wednet.edu

In addition, this same "opt-out" policy will be used in regard to the use of a students name and photo on the district web pages. If it is your wish to NOT have your child's name and/or photo appear on our school web pages - you need only to contact us at the phone numbers listed above. In both cases, if it is more convenient, you may just send a note conveying your wishes to the Middle School or High School office. Thank you for your continued support of Columbia

School District technology.
Andrew Kramer
Technology Director