

The Wake County Public School System provides Internet and district electronic mail, (e-mail), services for its students. This letter describes these services and provides an overall understanding of responsibilities in dealing with this technology.

The Internet is a global network that will provide your child with access to a wide range of information from throughout the world. Your child will also be able to communicate with people throughout the world. Use of the Internet for educational projects will assist in preparing your child for success in life and work in the 21st Century and beyond.

It is possible that your child will find material on the Internet that you would consider objectionable. In the school environment, we have installed software designed to limit access to inappropriate material. However, the software is not entirely effective in blocking access and, therefore, we cannot guarantee that your child will not gain access to inappropriate material. There may be additional kinds of material on the Internet that are not in accordance with your family values. We would like to encourage you to use this as an opportunity to have a discussion with your child about your family values and your expectation about how these values should guide your child's activities while they are on the Internet.

All students registered in the Wake County Public School System will automatically be given access to the Internet. Elementary school students may receive individual e-mail accounts for certain teacher directed activities. Each middle and high school student will automatically be given an individual district issued e-mail account. You have the option of denying your child's access to the Internet and / or prohibiting them from obtaining a district issued e-mail account. To exercise this option, please complete and return the Parental Request to Deny Access form. **Unless otherwise stated, you acknowledge that you and your child have read, understand, and agree to the acceptable use of these services as stated in the Wake County Public School System's Student Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources Policy (6446).** The policy has been recently been updated and can be found on the Internet at <http://www.wcpss.net/Technology/standards/aup.html>.