



THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL  
for  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Internet Use/Computer Use Agreement  
(Local Classroom Access)

Print: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's last name                      First                      Grade                      Home Phone

The use of the Internet at the New Horizons Governor's School for Science and Technology is a very special privilege. It is the result of a tremendous investment of time, money, and commitment by the staff of New Horizons. The use of computer technology for educational purposes is an integral part of the mission of the Governor's School.

Students are expected to follow all guidelines stated below as well as those which may be given by the staff. Students are also expected to realize that the opportunity to use the network and the New Horizons' facilities carries with it the responsibility of using the computer hardware, software, and the Internet in a responsible and ethical manner. Furthermore, students should realize that network use and content (e.g. WWW, email, etc.) is logged and is subject to administrative monitoring/review at any time. The computer network is provided to support the educational efforts of New Horizons. Use of the computer system for any activity not approved by the New Horizons staff is prohibited. Any actions that might harm the computer equipment or software, impair its effective use, or show disregard for the proper procedures set up for network access (including items 1 - 18 below) will NOT be tolerated and may result in one or more of the following: locking the student's account, suspending the student, or removal of the student from New Horizons' programs.

- 1) Before use, all students must attend a presentation on the aspects of security and ethics involved in using the New Horizons network ("HorizonNet").
- 2) The network is only to be used for educational curriculum purposes that are approved by the instructor(s).
- 3) Students may not allow others to use their account name and/or their password. Students who violate this rule will immediately lose all network computer access and risk expulsion from their class. Students may not share files, folders, nor subdirectories on their network account.
- 4) Students may not play computer nor video games at any time (including after-school hours and in the evening or weekends) which includes computers/laptops/cell phones/PDA's or any other electronic device brought from outside the school. Use of Internet games, MUDs (Multi User Dungeons) and IRCs (Internet Relay Chats) are not allowed. Computers and any other electronic devices brought from outside the school will be temporarily confiscated if these (game) activities occur. The use of any hand-held electronic devices (PDA's, I-PODS, cell phones, etc.) during curriculum activities, without the expressed approval of the student's teacher (or staff), is prohibited.
- 5) Attempts to obtain access to restricted sites, servers, files, databases, etc. are prohibited. Unauthorized access to other systems (e.g. "hacking") is prohibited.
- 6) Only files and software approved by the staff may be downloaded or placed onto our computers and servers. Email and any other form of electronic communication may be sent and received only through email software provided by New Horizons. Use of online mail services such as Hotmail™, AOL Instant Messenger™ (AIM), Yahoo mail™, Yahoo Friends and Family™, or any other mail client or message service is prohibited. The accessing, downloading, file transferring, etc. of music, videos, graphics or other code not approved by the staff is prohibited.

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- 7) Transmission of any material in violation of any law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secrets.
- 8) Personal addresses, phone numbers, and financial information shall not be included in network communication.
- 9) Passwords must be kept private and should be changed frequently.
- 10) Internet use for commercial purposes, financial gain, personal business, or product advertisement is prohibited. No bulk mailing or communication is allowed unless approved by a New Horizons Instructor or Staff member.
- 11) Vandalism is not permitted and will be strictly disciplined. Vandalism is defined as any attempt to harm or destroy data of another user or of another agency or network that is connected to the Internet. Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, the uploading, downloading, or creation of computer viruses. It also includes attempts to gain unauthorized access to a network that is connected to the Internet and damage or tampering with any hardware or software.
- 12) Connection to the Internet is allowed only through our proxy server (port 8002). Use of any other setting is prohibited. Changing the IP number or the name of a computer is prohibited.
- 13) Use of any remote control program or software to connect to any computer or printer on or off the New Horizons campus is prohibited.
- 14) Students will report to their instructor any network communication they feel is inappropriate.
- 15) Parents must understand that their child may encounter material in a network/Bulletin Board/chat room that they may consider inappropriate (vulgar jokes, statements of belief that some may consider immoral, pornographic, etc.). The student is responsible for not pursuing material that could be considered offensive.
- 16) There should be no expectation of privacy in using any aspect of our network. Students should realize that network use and content (e.g. WWW, email, etc.) is logged and is subject to administrative monitoring/review at any time.
- 17) Loss of computer or network privileges at our school will make it difficult, if not impossible, to complete a course successfully and/or to do graded assignments.
- 18) The terms of this agreement may change at any time due to security considerations of the network and evolving technology products.

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Since there are multiple computers in the classroom for student access, then as the parent/guardian of

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Student's name - PRINT please

I understand that the staff of New Horizons can not monitor all of the information my child is accessing or downloading while in the school nor while he/she is away from the school. However, both my child and I understand that the accessing of (or saving of) inappropriate material will not be tolerated. Any accessing of inappropriate material, or any misuse of the network, may result in one or more of the following: having a student's account locked and/or loss of other network privileges, student suspension, or administrative removal from the Governor's School. Misuse of the network includes using any hand-held electronic and/or communication devices (PDA's, I-PODS, cell phones, etc.) during curriculum activities without the expressed approval of the student's teacher and/or staff.

Parents should contact the Governor's School staff at 766-1100 Ext. 313 or our network administrator, Mr. Greenwell, at 766-1100 Ext. 331 (email at: support@nhgs.tec.va.us), to address any concerns they may have about their child's access to the Internet.

Before using the network at New Horizons, both the student and a parent/guardian must sign below indicating that you and your child have read and agree to abide by the requirements above (1-18) in addition to the student behavior guidelines set forth in the Student Handbook of the New Horizons Regional Educational Center.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Parent's Work phone

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