



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY (SDPBC)  
**Palm Beach County (PBC) Net Consent and Waiver**

The following form must be read and signed by you, your parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and the school site teacher or administrator. Signed consent and waiver documents will be kept on file at each respective school site.

By signing the Consent and Waiver form attached, I \_\_\_\_\_ (*print name here*) and my parent(s) or legal guardian(s) agree to abide by the following restrictions. I have discussed these rights and responsibilities with my parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Further, my parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and I have been advised that neither The School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC), The Division of Information Technology (IT), nor the school site have control of the information on the Internet, though attempts are made to provide prudent and available barriers. Other sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. While the intent of SDPBC is to make Internet access available to further school and District educational goals and objectives, account holders will have the ability to access materials which may not be appropriate for that purpose. The SDPBC believes that the benefits of Internet access to educators and students, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far exceed any disadvantages. However, the parent(s) and legal guardian(s) of minors are ultimately responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow. Therefore, the SDPBC supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access to the District's wide area network (PBC Net). Any questions should be directed to IT technology staff members at (561) 434-8830 or to the school site.

The student and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must understand that student access to the PBCNet is being developed to support the district's educational responsibilities and mission. The specific conditions and services being offered will change from time to time. In addition, the District makes no warranties with respect to PBC Net service, and it specifically assumes no responsibilities for:

1. The content of any advice or information received by a student from a source, or any costs or charges incurred as a result of seeking or accepting such advice.
2. Any costs, liability, or damages caused by the way the student chooses to use his/her PBC Net access.
3. Any consequences of service interruptions or changes, even if these disruptions arise from circumstances under the control of SDPBC.

By signing this form I agree to the following terms:

1. My use of the PBC Net must be consistent with the primary goals of the SDPBC, IT, and the school site.
2. I will not use PBC Net for illegal purposes of any kind.
3. I understand that misuse may occur in many forms, including the sending or receiving of messages which indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and/or other issues described in this document. I will not use the PBC Net to transmit threatening, obscene, or harassing materials. The SDPBC will not be held responsible if I participate in such activities, or for any such behavior on my part.
4. I will not use the PBC Net to interfere with or disrupt network users, services, or equipment through the distribution of unsolicited advertising, propagation of computer viruses, using printers other than those designated at my school site for student use, and using the network to make unauthorized entry to any other machine accessible via the network or by any other means.
5. I will not use the PBC Net to access information or resources unless permission to do so has been granted by the owners or holders of the rights to those resources or information. It is assumed that information and resources accessible via PBC Net are private to the individuals and organizations which own or hold the rights to those resources and information unless specifically stated otherwise by the owners or holders of the rights.

The SDPBC makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the services provided and will not be responsible for any damages a user suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the District's negligence or by user's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The SDPBC specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through PBC Net services. All users need to consider the source of any information they obtain and consider how valid that information may be.

In accordance with the Electronic and Communications Privacy Act of 1986, (18 USS Section 2510), all students are hereby notified that there are no facilities provided by PBC Net for sending or receiving private or confidential electronic communications. All messages will be determined to be readily accessible to the general public. Do not use this system for any communications which the sender intends only for the sender and intended recipients to read. By your use of PBC Net, you agree to hold harmless the SDPBC against any and all claims arising out of said use.

# PBC Net Consent and Waiver Required Signatures

PLEASE PRINT

## STUDENT SIGNATURE

I understand and will abide by the provisions and conditions of this contract. I understand that any violations of the above provisions may result in disciplinary action, the revocation of my access privileges, and/or appropriate legal action. I also agree to report any misuse of the information systems to the school site administrator, teacher, or technology representative. All the rules of conduct described in SDPBC or school site policies, procedures, and handbooks apply when I am on the network.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID No. | | | | | | | | | |  
*(last) (first) (middle Initial)*

School Site \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

## PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE *(required for students under the age of 18)*

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read this contract and understand that Internet access via PBC Net is being provided solely for educational purposes. I understand that it is impossible for the SDPBC to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the SDPBC responsible for materials acquired on the PBC Net. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to the school site administrator, teacher, or technology representative. I accept full responsibility for the supervision of my child should he/she use remote connections to the PBC Net in a non-school setting.

Please complete all of the information below and return the PBC Net Consent and Waiver portion of this document to the school principal or designee for approval. Your Internet access will not be granted without the completion of all informational items listed.

*(Please print)*

Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

## PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE

I have read this contract and agree to promote this agreement with the student. As the principal or designee, I agree to instruct the student on the acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to the school site technology representative.

Principal or Designee Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE