

School District of South Orange and Maplewood
525 Academy Street
Maplewood, New Jersey 07040

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The School District is pleased to offer Internet service accounts for its students. This letter and accompanying packet describes the services, which are available **free of charge**, to all students. Please read and discuss the following with your child:

- District Acceptable Use Policy
- Rules and Regulations for Internet Access
- Parental Permission form ("Use of the Internet Agreement Form).

The Internet is a global network that will provide your child with access to a wide range of information resources from around 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.

It is possible that your child may find material on the Internet that you might consider objectionable. The District's **Acceptable Use Policy** (AUP) gives guidance for use of the Internet in the school environment. In addition, we have installed on the school computer network, a filtering program which limits access to certain inappropriate areas. There may be additional kinds of information on the Internet that are not in accord with your family's values. We encourage you to use this opportunity to have a discussion with your child about values and your expectations about how they should guide your child's activities while she or he is using the Internet.

Teachers will be using the Internet for classroom group instruction. However, so your child may participate on an individual basis, you must authorize your child's personal Internet account by signing in the appropriate area of the attached permission form. After both you and your child have signed it and the form is returned ("Use of the Internet Agreement form for Student Accounts") to the school librarian, a free Internet account will be given to your child. You have the option of requesting that your child be denied individual access to the Internet. To exercise this option, please complete the permission form and placing a check in the area "I do not want my child . . ." of the form.

If you have any questions or concerns about the District's Internet services, please contact Mr. Paul Roth, Chief Information Officer, at 973-762-5600 x1835. All signed forms should be returned to the school librarian as soon as possible.

Thank you,


Dr. John Ramos
Superintendent of Schools