

**M.S.A.D. #54 Student Access to the Internet  
Parent Letter**

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

M.S.A.D. #54 would like to offer your son/daughter access to our electronic communications system, known as the Maine School and Library Network. Access to this system will provide your student with the following services:

The Internet is a network of networks and is a vast communication and information system. Through M.S.A.D. #54's system, your son/daughter will have access to hundreds of databases, libraries, and computer services from all over the world. The Internet consists of over 10,000 computer networks in over 120 countries. Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and regional and state networks. Your son/daughter will be given an electronic mail address allowing him or her to correspond with any of an estimated ten-million users on the Internet.

Part of M.S.A.D. #54's responsibility lies in preparing students for the 21st century and providing them with the tools they will be utilizing upon graduation. We believe that the use of global information, such as the Internet, is one of those tools.

Attached to this letter are the following important documents:

1. A copy of MSAD #54's policy and applicable administrative procedures regarding Student Internet Use.
2. An agreement for your son/daughter to read and sign stating his/her agreement to adhere to MSAD #54's policy and administrative procedures. This agreement also requires your signature and the signature of the sponsoring teacher. It must be signed and renewed each year and kept on file at the school.

Please review all of these materials with your son/daughter prior to signing the required agreement form. Please sign, date (in the space provided below) and return a copy of this letter to your child's school, along with the attached agreement form. Do not hesitate to contact **Penny McGovern, Program Director** at **Marti Stevens Learning Center** should you have any questions regarding these materials or the computer services involved.

**Please note:** The nature of the Internet makes it impossible to predict exactly what sort of material your son/daughter may access. There is a possibility that your son/daughter may access material considered objectionable/controversial. While M.S.A.D. #54 uses software blocking methods to restrict access, will attempt to limit and monitor material, and will attempt to discourage students from accessing such material, it is impossible for us to guarantee that such material will not be accessed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Legal Guardian Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**Internet/Network Access Agreement**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Marti Stevens Learning Center Grade [     ]

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I accept responsibility to abide by the Internet Network Access policies of M.S.A.D. #54 as stated in this agreement. I understand the use of the Internet and access to the Maine School and Library Network is a privilege not a right, and I agree:

- ◆ To use the network for educational purposes and research, consistent with M.S.A.D. #54's educational missions and objectives.
- ◆ To use the network only with the permission of the responsible teacher.
- ◆ To be considerate of other users on the network and use appropriate language for school situations as indicated by M.S.A.D. #54's Internet and Appropriate Use Policy/Administrative Procedure.
- ◆ To not knowingly degrade or disrupt network services or equipment, as such activity is considered a crime under state and federal law. This includes, but is not limited to, tampering with computer hardware or software, vandalizing data, invoking computer viruses, attempting to gain access to restricted or unauthorized network services, or violating copyright laws.
- ◆ To immediately report any security problems or breaches of these responsibilities to the school principal.
- ◆ To not divulge personal information over the Internet, such as addresses and telephone numbers.

I understand that any conduct that is in conflict with these responsibilities is unethical and will result in termination of network access and possible disciplinary action.

Student Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent/guardian of this student, I have read the responsibilities for Internet/network access.

- ◆ I understand that Internet access is designed for educational purposes and that M.S.A.D. #54 will take all available precautions to limit access to objectionable/controversial materials. However, I recognize that it is impossible for M.S.A.D. #54 to restrict access to all objectionable/controversial material, and I will not hold M.S.A.D. #54 responsible for materials acquired on the network.
- ◆ I understand that any conduct by the above named student, that is in conflict with these responsibilities is unethical, and such behavior will result in the termination of access, and possible disciplinary action as indicated in the Student Internet and Appropriate Use Policy/Administrative Procedure.
- ◆ I have reviewed these responsibilities with my child and hereby give permission to M.S.A.D. #54 to provide Internet network access.

Parent Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

As the sponsoring teacher, I have read the Student Internet and Appropriate Use Policy and agree to promote this agreement with the student. Because the student use may vary for individual work or in the context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student use of the Internet. As the sponsoring teacher, I do agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the Internet and proper network etiquette.

Sponsoring Teacher Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_