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INTERNET ACCESS PERMISSION LETTER TO PARENTS & STUDENTS

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian:

Available to the students of North Central Kossuth High School and North Kossuth Elementary is access to the internet and electronic mail. The internet is a collection of interconnected computer networks containing a vast domain of information. Access to this information is offered as a way to increase the resources available to students as they learn about the world around them. Use of the internet will not be required for completion of any class assignment.

All students must have a permission form signed by parent/guardian to be allowed access to the internet and/or email through the school's network. This form will be kept on file in the administrative office. Permission may be revoked by an administrator for inappropriate use of the internet or email.

Teachers are the primary supervisors of students accessing the internet or using email. Individual student email addresses may be provided to students. Any information sent or received through the district computer network is considered open to review by school officials. Users should not expect that files sent, received, or stored on district computers will be private.

Access to the internet and email will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While the school's intent is to make internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the advantages of access to valuable information and resources exceed the disadvantages that exist. The North Central Kossuth High School and North Kossuth Elementary will do what we can to limit access to inappropriate information on the internet. However, it is ultimately the responsibility of the parents/guardians to set and convey standards that their children should follow when using the internet. With that in mind, the North Kossuth District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to grant permission for their student to access the internet from school.

It is the intent of the North Central Kossuth High School and North Kossuth Elementary to provide software and/or hardware to limit access to inappropriate internet sites as much as is reasonable possible. Each student will "log on" to the school's computer network with a name and a password. The software in place will keep track of all internet sites that were accessed by the student. This list can then be checked. We cannot, however, completely guarantee that a student will never intentionally or accidentally access potentially inappropriate material.

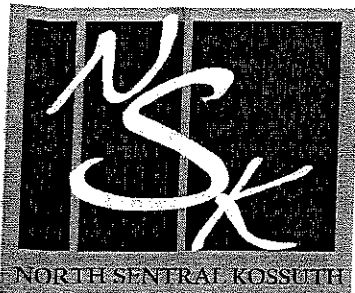
Students are expected to abide by the following network policies:

- The use of the school's network to access the internet is a privilege that may be revoked for violations of appropriate use policies. As a user of the internet, students may access other networks that may have their own policies and procedures. Students must also abide by the policies and procedures of other networks.

- Students will respect all copyright and license agreements.
- Students will cite all quotes, references, and sources of information obtained over the internet.
- Students will only remain logged onto the internet long enough to get needed information.
- Students will apply the same privacy, ethical, and educational considerations used in other forms of communication.
- If students use the school's computers to send and receive email, the following guidelines apply:
 - A) Messages that students would not want others to read should not be sent or received.
 - B) Unwanted messages should be deleted immediately.
 - C) The use of inappropriate or objectionable language is prohibited.
 - D) Messages must be signed by the student sending them.
- Fees for any services that are accessed by a student are the responsibility of the student. Parents will receive a bill for any fees charged to the school.
- During school, employees will guide students toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear responsibility for such guidance similar to the guidance provided when students view television, use the telephone, view movies, listen to the radio or access any other potentially offensive material.

The following punishments will be enforced on a student who, in the judgment of the supervising employee, intentionally accesses inappropriate material on the internet, sends inappropriate email messages through the school's computers, or uses another student's password to access the school's computer network. The punishments are cumulative during each level of the student's education (PK-5, 6-8, 9-12). Upon entering the next level, each student will "start over" with regard to offenses.

- First offense: The student will not be allowed access to the internet through the school's computers for nine school weeks.
- Second offense: The student will not be allowed access to the internet through the school's computers for thirty-six school weeks.
- Third offense: The student will not be allowed access to the internet through the school's computers for the remainder of his/her years at an educational level.



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Please indicate below the name(s) of your children and whether or not you grant permission to use the internet at school.

Students Name(s):	Grade:	Permission (Yes or No)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please sign this form in ink and return it to the school whether you grant or do NOT grant permission. All students in a family may be listed on one form. All students who are granted permission must also sign this form.

If you have granted permission for your children to access the internet and/or email at school, please have him/her/them read the following statements and sign below in agreement.

- I have read the internet use policies and agree to abide by the provisions as stated. I understand that a violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of internet use privileges.
- I agree to be responsible for payment of any fees incurred if internet services that have a cost involved are accessed at school.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Students:

_____	Date: _____
_____	Date: _____
_____	Date: _____
_____	Date: _____
_____	Date: _____