

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

The Seacoast School of Technology is pleased to provide computer, network and Internet access for students and teachers. While increasingly essential to learning, the Internet is a privilege that offers new freedoms but demands new responsibilities. To gain access to our network and the Internet, all students must obtain permission and must sign and return the attached form to the school's office.

Connecting to the Internet will benefit students by making available fascinating resources from all over the world. Connection to the Internet brings instantaneous information, images and sounds into the classroom from places around the globe. Access to these resources can involve students in individual group projects, cross-cultural communication and idea sharing not found in schools of the past. This access is being provided to your child for educational purposes established within existing curriculum and will be supervised by staff members.

Parents and guardians need to be aware that a relatively small portion of the information available on the Internet may contain inaccurate, obscene, offensive or illegal material. The Seacoast School of Technology does not condone the use of such materials and will not allow the use of such materials in school. At Seacoast School of Technology we use a technology protection measure that blocks and/or filters Internet access to prevent access to Internet sites that are not in accordance with the policies of SST or SAU16. In addition, staff members continually supervise student Internet access at all grade levels.

Despite these measures, it is impossible to restrict access to every controversial item. Therefore, we are giving parents and guardians the option of not permitting their child to have access to the Internet.

Enclosed is a copy of the Seacoast School of Technology Appropriate and Acceptable Computer, Network and Internet Use Policy. Please read it thoroughly and discuss it with your child. We ask for your assistance in developing responsible attitudes, reinforcing appropriate behaviors and observing safe practices on the computer network and the Internet.

Sincerely,

Margaret Callahan  
Principal