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## Technology Services Division

### LETTER TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

The Wake County Public School System is pleased to announce the establishment of Internet and Electronic Mail, (E-mail), services for its students. This letter describes these services and provides an overall understanding of responsibilities in dealing with this technology.

The Internet is a global network that will provide your child with access to a wide range of information from throughout the world. Your child will also be able to communicate with people throughout the world. Use of the Internet for educational projects will assist in preparing your child for success in life and work in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and beyond.

It is possible that your child may find material on the Internet that you would consider objectionable. The school system Acceptable Use Policy restricts access to material that is inappropriate in the school environment and we have installed software designed to limit access to inappropriate material. However, the software is not entirely effective in blocking access and, therefore, we cannot guarantee that your child will not gain access to inappropriate material. There may be additional kinds of material on the Internet that are not in accordance with your family values. We would like to encourage you to use this as an opportunity to have a discussion with your child about your family values and your expectation about how these values should guide your child's activities while they are on the Internet.

**All students registered in the Wake County Public School System will automatically be given access to the Internet and E-mail.** You have the option of denying your child's access to the Internet and / or prohibiting them from obtaining an e-mail account. To exercise this option, please complete and return the Parental Request to Deny Access form. **Unless otherwise stated, you acknowledge that you and your child have read, understand and agree to the acceptable use of these services** as stated in the Wake County Public School System's Student Internet Access and Electronic Mail Policy (6446). The policy can be found in the Parents & Students Handbook and on our Internet at <http://www.wcpss.net/Technology/aup.html>