

Blog, Wiki, Web 2.0, and Cell Phone Student & Parent User Agreement Contract

Purpose: The purpose of our blog, Wiki, bookmarking sites, and photoblog are to document and share our learning with one another and with parents, fellow students, the local community, and the larger global community.

Blog/Photo/Bookmarking site Contract

To use the blog, you must agree to the following statements.

- * I will not use any curse words or inappropriate language.
- * I will not interfere with or delete another students' work.
- * I will not use fighting words or provoke anyone.
- * I will avoid the use of chat language.
- * I will try to spell everything correctly.
- * I will post only supportive comments and post only relevant questions.
- * I will only use my first name or pseudoname for myself and my classmates.
- * I will not plagiarize.
- * I will not use services on my cell phone that cost money unless my parents authorize this by signing below.

I recognize that breaking any of these rules could lead to any of the following consequences depending on severity and repetition:

- warning
- deletion of some or all of the post
- temporary loss of blogging/wiki/photo privileges
- permanent loss of blogging/wiki/photo privileges
- referral to the school administration resulting in probably loss of Internet privileges

Please note that all posts and comments are moderated for content before posting to the class blog.

Wiki Warranty

The members of the Marine Biology class at Orting High School will be participating in a class wiki for the purposes of sharing out own learning with one another as well as with our friends, parents, the local community, and perhaps the rest of the world.

- * Responding to and commenting on curriculum topics as we study them
- * Creating written projects/ media projects and commenting on each other's work
- * Encouraging process writing
- * Practicing persuasive writing
- * Reviewing and sharing study strategies before tests and quizzes
- * Creative writing
- * Practicing taking varied points of view on a topic
- * Sharing classroom events with families
- * Discussing current events
- * Making classroom suggestions
- * Creating FAQ pages on curriculum topics
- * Posting articles you've reviewed and want to share as you plan the project you will do
- * posting videos and slideshows for classmates and others to view and learn

Cell Phone Use

Phones are to be used for only for photos, videos, and communications related directly to this class. Students will ask permission to use a cell phone during class to photo or video a lab or activity, to retrieve or produce information for use in class, or for communication needed immediately for class. Any other use will revert this agreement to the district policy. The phone will be confiscated and turned in to the office.

Safety

In the interest of students' safety, the following restrictions have been configured on the class sites:

- Only the teacher can enter registrations.
- Only students, parents, and others with a related interest to this class will add to or edit the wiki.
- All wiki content is subject to teacher approval and/or deletion.
- The teacher will be notified of any edits to the wiki.
- No individual or identifiable profiles are available on the wiki

Terms and Conditions

All students and participants in this web project must agree to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

No student may edit or delete the work of another without including a written explanation for the changes (with initials or pseudonym signature) in the Discussion area for that page.

The teacher will make every reasonable effort to monitor conduct on the class wiki in order to maintain a positive learning community. All participants will respect the each other's time and efforts by supporting the same positive approach.

No student or other participant may include any information or images on the site that could compromise the safety of their classmates. Avoid specific comments about our location or schedules, if they would be visible to outsiders.

All participants will be respectful in their postings and edits. No trash-talk, inappropriate language, personal insults, profanity, spam, racist, sexist or discriminatory remarks, or threatening comments will be tolerated.

No student or other participant may post, comment, or change settings on the site in violation of these terms and conditions.

All participants must protect their log-in and password information. If participants suspect that a password has been compromised, he/she must notify the teacher immediately.

No participant may share his/her log-in information or protected information about the site with anyone who is not a participant. This includes adding trackbacks or other means by which outsiders can access the site without permission.

Any participant who is aware of violations of this agreement by others must report these violations to the teacher immediately both verbally and in writing (email or note).

All use of the wiki must be in accordance with the school's Acceptable Use Policy, including entries made from computers outside of school.

Uncited use of copyrighted material in blog or wiki postings, files, or comments will be deemed as plagiarism and punished accordingly.

No posting or edit may facilitate or promote illegal activity, either overtly or by implication.

No student may edit or delete the work of another without including a written explanation for the changes in the Discussion area for that page.

Consequences of violating the Warranty

Any violation of the above terms and conditions shall make the violator subject to both immediate termination from the website with all related sacrifice of points toward grades and to discipline through the school code of conduct, where applicable. At the teacher's discretion, a warning may be given in the case of minor infractions.

Signatures

Student Name _____

I agree to the terms and conditions of the class wiki/blog for biology for the 2008 -2009 school year and permit my son or daughter to participate in the wiki project.

Student signature	Date	Parent signature	Date

OPTIONAL: I also agree that my child may use his or her cell phone for blogging or photoblogging work. His/her cell phone account has the necessary permissions to send photos and I understand additional charges may be assessed. I've listed any limitations on the back of this form.

Student signature	Date	Parent signature	Date

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I do not give permission for my child to use the class wiki or blog and prefer that he or she complete classwork without using these tools.

Student signature	Date	Parent signature	Date

Parent membership

Parents are encouraged to become members of our blog and wiki. You are invited to read and to comment. If you wish to be a registered member of the class wiki, please fill out the form on this page and have your child return it to class. If there is enough interest, a parent page will be available on the class wiki for parents to interact and ask questions related to the class

Name:

Choose your wiki username (must be at least 3 characters):

Choose your wiki password (must be at least 6 characters):

Email address:

Name of student:

Relationship to student:

Alternatively, you may request membership at the wiki home page. Be sure you mention that you are the parent of a student and give some identifying information (which will remain confidential) .