

INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT

**Webster City Community Schools
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Throughout the school year many opportunities are made available for students' participation in school activities. From time to time students are video recorded, photographed, interviewed and included in printed articles. This information may be used in the newspaper, on the radio, on television (Mediacom cable channel 18) or in other publications such as the yearbook, daily announcements, the District's websites (daily announcements, PawPrint, WCTV, etc), and other teacher or school newsletters, brochures, etc.

Please notify the Superintendent's Office, in writing, if you do not want information about your son or daughter to appear in any of the above examples. It will be the responsibility of the parent or student to inform the Principal, teacher, supervisor, or advisor to the activity that you do not want the release of student information to be used.

Internet Statement

The Internet has become an essential tool for learning. Teachers create instructional activities that include the use of the Internet. The card catalog from each media center will be searchable on the internet. On-line internet resources are purchased for staff and students. The internet has become an integral part of the educational system and as a result, all students will obtain automatic internet access.

Webster City Schools have connected every computer to a local area network that brings the internet to the computers in the classroom, computer labs, and media center. All internet activity is monitored and filtered. While this approach to removing unwanted and inappropriate content from the internet is desirable, it is not fully guaranteed. If staff or students bump into inappropriate content, they must leave that web site immediately.

The internet is provided for the purpose of obtaining educational resources for school use. Entertainment (such as on-line games, music, videos, etc), email, and interpersonal chatting as well as downloading or copying files are prohibited activities on the internet. Students will be monitored in computer labs, media centers and classrooms. Elementary students will be directly supervised, while middle and high school students will have supervised and independent use of the internet. Students who do not use the internet for the educational purposes in which it is intended will lose internet access and as a result, the student will be required to use traditional resources to complete assignments.

Please notify the Superintendent's Office, in writing, if you do not want your son or daughter to be allowed to use the internet.

Printer Accounting for Middle School and High School Students

While computer use increases for middle and high students, so does printing. Each student will be given a printing account. Each account will be given 200 sheets of paper. For normal usage, this should be adequate. Additional printouts are charged 10 cents per page. Students are allowed to print items at their discretion. They should be conservative in printing. If a student chooses to print extensively from the Internet or reprint a class assignment several times, additional deposits will need to be made into the student's printing account. These deposits can be made in the middle or high school office.

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Re: Webster City School Locker Searches

A student, the student's belongings, locker, or car may be searched by school officials whenever they have reasonable suspicion that the student has violated or is violating either the law or school rules bearing on order or safety and that the search will produce evidence of the violation. The student may be invited to be present for the search when feasible. Any contraband (items possessed in violation of law or school rules) will be confiscated and may be turned over to law enforcement.

Locker inspections may be conducted by school officials without any suspicion of wrongdoing by students and may be conducted using a drug sniffing animal. A drug sniffing animal may not be used to search a student's body. Either the student whose locker is being inspected or another person shall be present when a school official conducts a locker inspection.

Iowa Code – Section 808A.2

Each year when school begins, the school district must provide written notice to all students and the student's parents, guardians, or legal custodians, that school officials may conduct periodic inspections of school lockers, desks, and other facilities or space owned by the school and provided as courtesy to a student without prior notice. Any inspection under this subsection shall either occur in the presence of the students whose lockers are being inspected or the inspection shall be conducted in the presence of at least one other person.

Video Security System

Webster City Community School utilizes a closed-circuit video security system. This system is to be used solely by school administrators for the purpose of securing and maintaining the safety and integrity of district buildings.

Student Records

Upon request, the district discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

Sharing Directory Information

Even though (names, student addresses and telephone numbers) are not considered directory information, military recruiters and postsecondary educational institutions may legally access this information without prior parental consent. Parents not wanting military recruiters or postsecondary institutions to access the information must ask the school district to withhold the information. Also, school districts that provide postsecondary institutions and potential employers' access to students must provide the same right of access to military recruiters. Parents not wanting military recruiters to contact their children, have the right to deny permission for this activity.