

PITTSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS (PPS) – PARENT AND STUDENT AGREEMENT

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Please read *both sides* of this page carefully, complete all the information, sign where requested (*both sides*), and return it to the school on or before **September 30**. Your signature after each section indicates agreement to the entire section. If you do not agree to a specific part of this agreement, please cross it out.

Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print): _____

Name of Student (Please Print): _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

1. We have received a copy of the **Pittsfield Public Schools Policy Handbook for Parents and Students**.
2. We understand that the Policy Handbook contains important information on Promotion and Graduation, Anti-bullying, School Attendance, the Code of Student Conduct and Student Discipline, Acceptable Use of the Internet, Non-Discrimination, Student Records, Student Transportation, the care and return of textbooks and library books, and other school rules and policies.
3. We understand that the rules and codes of conduct identified here and within each school handbook have been reviewed by each School Council and approved by each high school's School Council and that students who violate them may lose certain privileges or be subject to disciplinary action.
4. We agree to work with school staff to be sure the above-named student will attend school every day (except for excused absences) and completes homework.
5. We have read the summary of the Code of Discipline in Section VII and understand that each school has its own additional school-based rules, which will be distributed at the start of the school year. We have discussed Student Discipline and Due Process Rights and the school-based rules. We agree to work with school staff to make sure that the student above follows the Code of Discipline and school-based rules.
6. We understand that video and/or audiotaping is used on school buses.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

As parent/guardian of the above-named child I recognize that a School Committee policy permits release of certain information about students without their parent's consent (*see* Sec. XI.C. below), including, as required by Federal law, to military recruiters. I further recognize that a Committee policy allows the display of students' work, the publication of student photographs, and other publicity involving a child's name and image (*see* Section XI.H. below). I hereby notify the Pittsfield Public Schools that for the 2011-2012 school year I WITHHOLD PERMISSION TO RELEASE the following information on my child (*Initial the information you WITHHOLD permission to release*):

____ Directory information to military recruiters

____ Directory information to any source

____ Publication of an identifiable picture of my child on a school website

____ Publication of an identifiable picture of my child by print or broadcast media

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Acceptable Use Policy for Networks, Including the Internet

It is the policy of the Pittsfield Public Schools that students and staff will use all technology to access electronic (“computer”) networks, including the Internet and e-mail, in a responsible, legal and ethical manner. Failure to do so may result in the loss of network privileges for the user, disciplinary action under the Code of Discipline, or prosecution under federal or state law.

I have read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy for Pittsfield Public Schools Internet use in Section VII of this Policy Handbook. I understand that use of the Internet and e-mail in school is a privilege, not a right. It is designed strictly for educational purposes. I also understand that the PPS is taking measures to restrict access to any material deemed inappropriate; but because no filtering system is perfect, my child might gain access to an inappropriate site. I agree that I will not hold the PPS responsible for any access by my child of any inappropriate materials acquired on the Internet.

By signing below, I give my child permission to work on the Internet and to use e-mail in school for educational purposes. I understand that if I do not sign this agreement, my child will not be permitted to use the Internet and e-mail in school.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

STUDENTS MUST SIGN THE STATEMENT BELOW REGARDING INTERNET USE:

I understand and agree to adhere to the behaviors outlined in the Pittsfield Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy in Section VII of this Policy Handbook. I understand that any violation of this policy may result in the loss of Internet and e-mail privileges and/or disciplinary action and/or prosecution under federal or state law. If I reach an inappropriate website, I will report it to a teacher or librarian.

I understand that if I do not sign this agreement, I will not be permitted to use the Internet and e-mail in school.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Important Medical Information

A “Student Health and Emergency Information” form is included elsewhere in this mailing. Please complete that form and submit it to your child’s school health office.

PLEASE REVIEW, SIGN BOTH SIDES, AND RETURN FORM TO THE SCHOOL BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2011