

PARENT/GUARDIAN FORM 24

Cadet Last Name

First

M.I.

SUBJECT: MMA COMPUTER USE POLICY

1. MMA provides its cadets with access to computers and a computer network for academic purposes, electronic mail and Internet use. To gain access to email and the Internet all cadets must obtain parental permission. Should a parent prefer that their cadet not have e-mail and Internet access, use of the computers is still possible for academic purposes such as word processing, research, etc. Cadets are not authorized to have their own personal computers at MMA. This agreement may not be modified.

2. This signed permission form is an acknowledgement that cadets and their parents (and/or guardians) understand and agree to abide by the MMA Computer Use Policy (CUP). The key aspects of the CUP are:

- a. The MMA network is the only authorized manner that cadets may access the Internet.
- b. Cadets are not permitted to have or use telephone modems with computers, cell phones with the internet, or cellular internet cards with computers.
- c. Cadets will not use any Academy computer without a member of the Academy's staff or faculty present.
- d. Cadets will not make any attempt to access the operating system or to circumvent or subvert system security.
- e. Cadets will not use the network or e-mail service to harass, threaten, or inconvenience others.
- f. Cadets will not make any attempt to access sexually explicit material or material that promotes violence, racism, sexism, substance abuse, or any other topic inconsistent with the principles of the Academy.
- g. Cadets will not enter the files and/or accounts of another person without specific permission of the staff or faculty.
- h. Cadets will not abuse or damage any computer equipment or remove equipment from the computer labs.
- i. Cadets will not attempt to introduce computer viruses, destructive, nuisance, or any programs to a computer without consent from the faculty or staff.
- j. Cadets will not access or copy another's files or access any material that could be used in an academically dishonest manner.
- k. Cadets will not use inappropriate or offensive language within electronic messages generated on the network.
- l. Cadets will not access, or attempt to access, websites that provide fraudulent academic services (i.e. term papers or book reports to be plagiarized).
- m. Cadets will not misrepresent their identity, or another person's identity, within the network (i.e. allowing another cadet to use your user name and password, or using another cadet's user name and password, to access the network).
- n. Cadets will not use the network to encourage the use, sale, or distribution of controlled substances or material harmful to minors.

All computer files, accounts and network activity are subject to real-time monitoring and review by designated Academy personnel. All individual network activity, including the Internet, is actively logged and archived. All e-mail and web postings (sent or received) are subject to review by the Academy. Internet accounts will be revoked for those who violate the educational intent of Internet access. If any user violates the terms and/or provisions of this Policy, the person's access to the computers and network will be denied and the cadet will be subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with the Cadet Code of Conduct and/or Board policies of Massanutten Military Academy. Furthermore, inappropriate use of the school network may be prosecuted under local, state and federal laws. Any cadet found using a modem/cellular/phone line to access the Internet will receive a minimum of 50 tours, and will no longer be authorized to use the Academy's computers for personal use.

3. Cadets and their parents are urged to get clarification in advance if they have a question about the Computer Use Policy. While cadets using computers at MMA will be supervised both in the classrooms and in study areas, MMA cannot guarantee that cadets will not access inappropriate material.

4. Cadet Agreement: I understand that any violation of this policy may result in the suspension or revocation of my privileges to use MMA computers and may also constitute a violation of the Cadet Honor Code.

Cadet Signature _____ Date _____

5. As a parent/guardian, I have read and understand the above guidelines and hereby give permission for my son/daughter to use the information technology services including e-mail and Internet access provided by MMA. I further understand the potential for my son/daughter to access inappropriate information and that while MMA will endeavor to restrict access to that information; my child is ultimately responsible for the information he/she accesses. This agreement is valid and remains in effect for the entire period that my son/daughter remains at the Academy.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____