

Dear Parents,

This year our class will be using Edmodo, it is a free and secure learning network for teachers, students, and schools. It provides a safe way for us to connect, share content, access homework, participate in discussions, and receive class information.

Students can access Edmodo from any computer at home or at school (e.g. in the computer lab or on classroom computers). Edmodo can also be accessed via an internet-capable mobile phone using the phone's web browser or the downloadable Edmodo phone application.

Edmodo is NOT a social network like Facebook.

Edmodo is a private, teacher-controlled learning space, all communication and student interaction is closely monitored by the teacher. The teacher in Edmodo can see all student interaction. Anything posted by a student is stored and can be retrieved, even if deleted. Parents can be given a parent code that allows them to see their student's assignments, grades, and notes sent from the teacher specifically to the parent group. Parents cannot post or interact with any other child or see the information for any other child other than their own.

Students **cannot** send private messages to another student, join groups outside their course, create a personal page, create a photo album, invite friends, or connect with other students or individuals not in their class. This tool will be used strictly for educational purposes using the following guidelines:

- Students will be required to use appropriate grammar instead of texting language.
- No put-downs or sarcasm toward another's ideas are allowed. All school rules and consequences related to harassment apply.
- The guidelines set by the MHUSD district-wide acceptable use policy regarding educational technology will be expected to be followed by the students, as well as the teacher.

In order for your child to use Edmodo, he or she must have your permission, and you must read and agree to the Edmodo Terms of Service (<http://www.edmodo.com/corporate/terms-of-service>) on your child's behalf. You must also read and agree to the Edmodo Privacy Policy (<http://www.edmodo.com/corporate/privacy-policy>). Edmodo takes privacy seriously and has received the TRUSTe Children's Privacy Seal to verify this. The only information required from students to set up an Edmodo account is the teacher's class code, their name, and a username and password. Please review the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy with your child.

Students will find Edmodo to be a valuable learning tool being used to enhance engagement and learning outcomes. Please complete the attached form and return it to me as soon as possible to indicate that you give permission for your child to use Edmodo.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Kopari



## Parent Permission Slip

Please keep the attached letter for your reference and sign and return this portion of the document.

YES, I give consent for my child, listed below, to use Edmodo for class activities.

I agree to the above expectations and have reviewed usage guidelines.

NO, My child does not have permission to use EDMODO.

Student Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Edmodo Student Guidelines

## Posting Messages

- Post a note to the whole group if your question is about something the whole group should know (assignments, instructions, dates etc.)
- Send a note only to your teacher if you want to talk about something that doesn't relate to everyone.
- Don't post personal questions to the group.
- Keep conversations on topic.
- If you're not sure if a word or joke is okay, then it's probably not. Refrain from posts that tease, bully, annoy, spam, or gossip about any other member.

## Groups

- If you think there is something inappropriate posted in an Edmodo group, tell a teacher immediately.

## Punctuation & Grammar

- No txtng lingo. We r ur teachers...show us that u have learned how 2 spell.
- DO NOT PUT SENTENCES IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.
- Do not end sentences with more than one exclamation mark!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Or question mark??????????????
- Please please please do not repeat a word more than necessary.

## Edmodo Code of Conduct

1. I will use one of the avatars included with Edmodo for my profile picture or use one that I have appropriate legal permission to use (i.e. not copyrighted).
2. I will use posts to discuss school-related content only.
3. I will use a respectful tone of voice when posting. **I understand that all school rules and consequences related to harassment apply.**
4. I will use appropriate grammar instead of texting language.
5. I will not use my posts to promote personal websites or chat rooms.
6. I will limit my use of sarcasm to avoid misunderstandings.
7. I will not reveal any personal information on Edmodo. This includes telephone numbers, addresses, emails, passwords etc.
8. I will not post photos or videos showing myself or classmates/teachers without permission.

**Please sign and return the bottom portion of this form to your teacher.**



**YES, I have read and agree to follow the Edmodo Student Guidelines.**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_