



Spotswood High School

Mrs. Besthoff

Educational Websites Parental Consent Form

Edmodo is a teacher moderated social network where students can share ideas, publish their work, and learn how to communicate effectively online. This site is a free and private collaborative website. Students are encouraged to post interesting findings, ask questions, utilize the site to complete assignments, respond to the teacher's postings, each classmate's postings, and take quizzes.

Edmodo is used to post discussion board questions and illicit responses from all students. Students will work on group projects utilizing this Website. Edmodo provides a glimpse into the format students will use in college and will give them experience utilizing the Century 21 skills so important in today's educational and career environment. Even the shyest student will be part of the discussion. All students want to participate.

No one other than the teacher or students in the class are able to post or read posts on these Websites. Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. Access is a privilege -- not a right.

Students are required to follow the same rules, regulations and requirements while using these Websites that they are required to follow in accordance with the Spotswood School District Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (6142.10).

Student Security

Students do not have access to any other school's accounts on these Websites. Students may not join any group outside of SHS.

Unacceptable Use

Accessing inappropriate materials – accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, forwarding, downloading, scanning, or displaying materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, threatening, discriminatory, harassing and/or illegal;

- **Violating Copyrights** – Copying or downloading copyrighted materials without the owner's permission;
- **Plagiarism** – Representing as one's own work any materials obtained on the Internet (such as term papers, articles, etc.).
 - When Internet sources are used in student work, the author, publisher, and Website must be identified;
- **Non-School-Related Uses** – The discussion boards are to be used solely to discuss the topic posted by the teacher and not to be used to discuss anything else;
- **Misuse of Passwords/Unauthorized Access** – Sharing passwords, using other users' passwords without permission and/or accessing other users' accounts;
- **Malicious Use/Vandalism** – Any malicious use, disruption or harm to the school's computers, networks, and Internet services, including but not limited to hacking activities and creation/uploading of computer viruses; and
- **Unauthorized Access to Chat Rooms/News Groups** – Accessing chat rooms, news groups, or any social networking site.

The following Student and Parental Agreements will be needed by the teacher before students will be allowed to access the computers.

Visit our class Website at <http://shsbesthoff.weebly.com/>

By signing this policy I acknowledge that I:

- I have read and understand the rules and regulations of the Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (6142.10) mentioned above
- I have reviewed the attached sample Edmodo page
- I give my student permission to access educational Websites for school purposes only and applicable discipline measures will be taken for violations, including denial of access to technology or other remedies applicable under school policy, and/or state and federal law

STUDENT

As a user of the Edmodo Website, I hereby agree to comply with the Guidelines for Edmodo use while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions. I understand that violation of the policy may result in the revocation of technology privileges and possible failure of the course.

Student Name

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter _____ to access Edmodo. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable; but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use - setting and conveying standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent or Guardian's Name: (Please print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

School _____ Grade _____

Email or Home Address _____

Home Telephone or Cellphone _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

The screenshot shows the Edmodo website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Edmodo logo, a search bar, and links for Calendar, Grades, Library, Home, Profile, and Account. Below the navigation bar, the user profile for 'Student Besthoff' is visible, including a profile picture and a list of 'Latest Posts' with options for Direct, Assignments, and By Teachers. A 'Notifications' box on the right indicates '1 Assignment Due'. The main content area shows a post creation form with a 'Post:' text area, 'Attach:' options for File, Link, and Library, and a 'Send to...' dropdown menu. Below the form, there are two posts: one from 'Mr. Edmodo to Me' with a welcome message, and another from 'Mrs. Besthoff to Career Exploration/Money Mgt' titled 'All About Me Wordle'. The 'Wordle' post includes a 'Turn In' button with a due date of 'Sep 6, 2012' and a description of the activity. A 'Wordle - Beautiful Word Clouds' link is also present.