

# Olathe District Schools

## Blogs / Wiki Guidelines for Students

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Olathe District teachers are permitted to generate classroom specific WordPress websites referred to as “blogs” and/or “wikis” for purposes of providing students with the ability to electronically exchange commentary and/or information related to a particular classroom topic. All blog/wiki assignments will be developed and monitored by the respective teaching staff member in accordance with rules and regulations stated in the Olathe District Student Code of Conduct. Any blog/wiki so established is considered a virtual extension of the classroom, and therefore all Olathe District School rules and regulations shall apply. Additionally, any student participating in a blog/wiki generated by his or her classroom teacher shall be subject to the following:

1. Students will conduct themselves appropriately when participating on the blog/wiki. Students shall not use any profanity or inappropriate language on the blog/wiki, and will not make any obscene, profane, defamatory, libelous, threatening, harassing, abusive, hateful, embarrassing, disrespectful and/or discriminatory comments on the blog/wiki.
2. Students will limit their postings to class-related materials. Students will only post factually correct information, and will use correct spelling and grammar.
3. Students will only use their first names. Students will not provide or refer to personally identifiable information about themselves or others, and will not post photographs/videos of themselves or others that is not related to the classroom project.
4. Students will keep their passwords secure, and will not permit and/or facilitate any other individual’s access to the blog/wiki. Students will be responsible for anything posted in their name. Students will not use any other individual’s name or password to access the blog/wiki site.
5. Per District Acceptable Use Guidelines, students’ postings may be removed or excluded by their teacher, or the administration ***with cause***.
6. Participating in the blog/wiki site is a privilege, not a right. Participation in or access to the blog/wiki site shall not be considered a substitute for classroom participation. Students remain responsible for all assignments, course content, exam preparation included within the class curriculum.
7. Students who fail to follow these or any additional rules implemented by the teacher, or the administration shall be subject to the revocation of their computer, internet and/or blog/wiki privileges, and may be subject to discipline.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Network Username: \_\_\_\_\_

***\*\*Your signature indicates your agreement to the Guidelines for use on all student blogging/wiki sites for all assignment completed for coursework in Olathe District Schools.***