

# Student Interest/Parent Permission Form

## Course Challenge Process—2008-2009 Technology Connections: Required 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Bellingham School District

**Technology Connections** is a required course for all ninth graders, designed to equip students with organizational skills and technology tools needed to accomplish high level learning goals. (Sehome students will meet these requirements through the **World Connections** class.) Students also work on a variety of educational and career planning activities. Because we value previous experiences and skills that students bring to ninth grade, activities in the Technology Connections classes build on and extend technical skills. The course is performance-based and requires students to demonstrate their proficiency in each of the skill modules. Mastery of the Technology Connections performance tasks is a prerequisite for further computer-related courses such as Web Design, Programming, Computer Applications, Networking, and Computer Maintenance.

Technology Connections can be challenged by completion of all required performance tasks. Students who review the Technology Connections modules and tasks, and believe they have already mastered all of the competencies, are invited to participate in a demonstration of their skills. Students who wish to challenge the class will:

- **Attend the informational meeting** at Bellingham High School or **discuss requirements** with a counselor or librarian.
- **Fill out and return the “Student Interest/Parent Permission Form”** with student and parent signatures to the librarian by **Friday, October 31**.
- Make appointment with librarian and **pass the basic computer vocabulary test, complete demonstration of network navigation and email skills, and complete the *Search Skills and Using Databases* assignment by Friday, November 7.**
- **Successfully complete a series of performance tasks on Saturday, November 15**
  - ✓ Bellingham High School Technology Lab, Room 152, map enclosed
  - ✓ Students will use their network and email accounts to complete tasks
  - ✓ 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **Turn in remaining projects to designated Tech Connections teacher by Friday, December 17.**  
Students will turn in a required set of projects, with parents and students affirming that the projects are the student’s individual and authentic work.
- **Complete the educational and career planning activities as scheduled through the Career Center by Tuesday, February 27.**

Additional information about the Technology Connections course and modules is available online at <http://www.bham.wednet.edu/technology/TechWeb/default.htm>. In addition, students may access MicroType Pro (keyboarding tutor software program) on each high school’s network. Select the Start button, then Programs / South-Western Keyboarding / MicroType 4.

*Attached is a list of the performance tasks for the Technology Connections challenge process.*

**REMEMBER: Return the signed permission form and make an appointment with your librarian by Friday, October 31.**

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**Challenge Process Agreement & Parent Permission ~ High School \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor \_\_\_\_\_**

I have reviewed the information described above and hereby agree to comply with the process. In completing this process, I will follow school rules and reasonable rules of conduct. I understand that all materials submitted must represent individual work that I have completed, without the assistance of others. If I am unable to demonstrate proficiency in each of the modules, I understand that I will enroll in Technology Connections in order to meet this high school requirement.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my son/daughter to challenge the Technology Connections course. I understand he/she is responsible to complete all performance tasks without assistance from others.

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