

Bloomington Public Schools

Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources Terms and Conditions Policy 2361

The Bloomington Board of Education has established a computer network and is pleased to offer Internet access for student use. Each classroom in the school is equipped with high speed Internet access. The computer lab and media center also have full Internet access. The Internet offers valuable, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The Bloomington School District has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. The computers in the district are installed with Internet filtering software which should block out controversial websites. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and it is possible that a user may encounter inappropriate or controversial information. The Bloomington School District firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on the Internet far outweighs the possibility that users may encounter material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

The District will allow your child Internet and network privileges according to the terms and conditions of this policy only upon its receipt of your signed confirmation that you have reviewed this policy with your child and agree to its terms. (This form should be returned to the homeroom teacher.)

Terms and Conditions

1. Students will not engage in any computer related activities that are not directed by the teacher.
2. Students will use the Internet for specific academic assignments and education-related functions.
3. Students are required to receive permission to print anything from the Internet.
4. Students may not use the network to download, copy, or store any software, shareware, or freeware without prior permission from the teacher.
5. Students may not access web sites that contain material that is pornographic or that promotes illegal acts. If a user accidentally accesses this type of information, he or she should immediately notify a teacher.
6. Students may not access chat areas.
7. Students will not use e-mail. Classroom teachers have e-mail accounts and may use their accounts for educational purposes on behalf of the students.
8. Students will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means. These actions are illegal.
9. Students will not plagiarize works that they may find on the Internet.
10. Students will observe copyright laws and fair use guidelines when using any printed, audio, video or electronic information. Students will not be permitted to copy school software or to bring software from home to copy on the school computers.
11. Students must keep their passwords private. Accounts and/or passwords may not be shared with anyone other than a teacher.

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Parent/Student Signature Page
(Please sign and return to the homeroom teacher)

STUDENT

I understand and will abide by the Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources Policy. I also understand that if I violate the Acceptable Use Policy that disciplinary action and/or legal action may be taken.

Student's Name (please print): _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent/guardian of _____, I have read the Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources Policy. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. However, I also recognize that it is impossible to restrict all controversial materials, and I will not hold the Bloomington School District responsible for materials acquired on the network. I hereby give permission for my child to use the Internet in the Bloomington School District.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____