

SBEP Acceptable Use and Internet Safety

Technology can greatly enhance the instructional program as well as the efficiency of the District. The Board recognizes that careful planning is essential to ensure the successful, equitable, and cost-effective implementation of technology-based materials, equipment, systems, and networks. Computer and use of the District network or on-line services support learning and enhance instruction, as well as assist in administration. Computer networks allow people to interact with many computers; the Internet allows people to interact with hundreds of thousands of networks. All computers are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner. Failure to adhere to this policy and the guidelines below will result in the revocation of the user's access privilege.

Unacceptable uses of the computer/network include but are not limited to:

1. Violating the conditions of Federal and State laws dealing with students' and employees' rights to privacy;
2. Using profanity, obscenity, or other language which may be offensive to another user;
3. Copying commercial software and/or other material in violation of copyright law;
4. Using the network for financial gain, for commercial activity, or any illegal activity;
5. Reposting (forwarding) personal communication without the author's prior consent;
6. "Hacking" or gaining unauthorized access to other computers or computer systems, or attempting to gain such unauthorized access;
7. Accessing and/or viewing inappropriate material and downloading of freeware or shareware programs without prior authorization from the Board or its agents.

The superintendent/designee shall develop a plan to address the short- and long-term technology needs and provide for compatibility of resources among school sites, offices, and other operations. As a basis for this plan, he/she shall examine and compare the costs and benefits of various resources and shall identify the blend of technologies and level of service necessary to support the instructional program.

Because access to on-line services provides connections to other computer systems located all over the world, users (and parents of users who are under 18 years old) must understand that neither the school nor the district can control the content of the information available on these systems. Some of the information available is controversial and sometimes offensive.

The Board does not condone the use of such materials. Employees, students, and parents of students must be aware that the privileges to access on-line services are withdrawn from users who do not respect the rights of others or who do not follow the rules and regulations established. A user's agreement is signed to indicate the user's acknowledgement of the risks and regulations for computer/on-line services

use. The District has implemented technology-blocking measures to prevent students from accessing inappropriate material on school computers. The district has also purchased monitoring services that maintain a running log of Internet activity recording which sites a particular user has visited.

“Harmful to minors” is defined as any picture, image, graphic image file or visual depiction that:

1. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors’ appeals to prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion.
2. Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, and actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts or lewd exhibition of genitals or taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

Annually, a student who wishes to have computer network and Internet access during the school year must read the Acceptable Use and Internet Safety policy and submit a properly signed agreement form. Students and staff are asked to sign a new agreement each year after reviewing the policies and regulations of the District. Guests that use the District network must agree to the policies and regulations of the District each time that they connect.

TA Teacher: _____ Student ID: _____ Grade Level _____

COMPUTER NETWORK AGREEMENT FORM

I hereby apply for a student account on the District computer network for the _____ school year:

Name: _____

School: _____

Home Address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

Home phone: _____

I have read and I understand this computer policy and its guidelines and regulations and agree to abide by all of the rules and standards for acceptable use stated therein. I further state that all information provided for the creation of this account is truthful and accurate.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parental Release Form (for students under 18 years of age)

I/We, _____ parent(s) of

(student name) _____, have read and understand the computer policy and its guidelines and regulations and we agree to its terms and conditions. We confirm our child's intentions to abide by the terms and conditions therein, and we agree to supervise our child's use of the computer network from home or outside of the classroom.

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Office Use Only
Account Generated: ___/___ Initial: _____
Account Notification: ___/___ Initial: _____
Notes: _____
