



SUBJECT: STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Students in the Beacon City School District are now able to have access to vast amounts of information through our computer networks and the Internet. Text, photographs, and sound from local agencies, governments, universities, individual people and businesses in every corner of the globe are available for educational purposes.

Just as parents set appropriate guidelines for the use of such technology within the home, our School District must also set guidelines for technology use within the schools. This assures that students use Internet materials properly. Such guidelines also serve to prevent inappropriate materials from being used in the school setting, and to ensure that all laws appropriate to such information are followed.

With the world now "at the fingertips" of our students, it is most important that the information, programs and telecommunications made possible by technology be used in a constructive, educational, safe, and legal manner. Students must accept this responsibility directly.

Technology use in the school setting must be related to strictly educational purposes consistent with course and District curricula and goals. We ask parents to review the guidelines with your child to ensure your child's appropriate and continuing use of technology within the School District. In addition, we ask that the parent and student sign and return the User Agreement as acceptance of the terms and conditions specified so that the student may have access to the Internet and School District networks.

Terms and conditions for use of District computers, networks and Internet resources or any other electronic media or communications, including by means of a student's own personal technology or electronic device on school grounds or at school events: (NOTE: All terms apply when remotely connected from outside school property as well)

- a. Only students that have signed the Acceptable Use Policy may use District computers and the Network;
- b. Telecommunications are only to be used for education and research related to the curriculum, career planning or college search activities;
- c. Students are expected to adhere to school standards of appropriate behavior when using the Network and the Internet;
- d. Students shall not seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify the files, other data, or passwords belonging to others;
- e. Students shall not use the Network or disrupt the use of the Network by others;
- f. Students shall not save any type of file on the network or workstations without permission;
- g. Students shall not destroy, modify, copy, damage, or abuse hardware and software in



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- any way;
- h. Students shall not use the Network or Internet to develop programs that harass others or infiltrate a computer, computer system, or network or knowingly introduce a virus into a computer system or network;
 - i. Students using the Internet may not reveal their home addresses or phone numbers or those of others;
 - j. Students shall not use the Network or Internet for commercial or for profit purposes, for product advertisement, or for political lobbying or for any personal, charitable, religious, or not-for-profit purpose;
 - k. Students shall not use the Network or the Internet for antisocial activities (e.g., hate mail, cyber-bullying, harassment, profanity, obscenity, misrepresentation or impersonation);
 - l. Students shall not use the Network or Internet for illegal activities or to access or transmit pornographic and educationally inappropriate materials, or files which are dangerous to the integrity of the Network;
 - m. Students shall use only school approved software or view material on the Internet that is related to the District's curricula or teacher approved project;
 - n. Students are not to make copies of software found on school computers;
 - o. Students shall only access the school/District network with their own user identification and password;
 - p. Students shall not incur any financial obligations on behalf of the District through the use of the Internet or District telecommunications;
 - q. Students may not use the District network or the Internet in violation of the District's Sexual Harassment policy or any other policy of the District.

It should be recognized that not all materials found on the Internet are appropriate for students and the District will make attempts to prevent such material from being accessed on our computers. While such material may be a small amount of the information available on the Internet, it does exist.

While we believe our students will use our technology in a responsible manner, for those who do not do so, consequences will follow. Those consequences can range from the suspension of the use of the Internet and/or network, and/or computers within the School District, to a school suspension.

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**Beacon City School District
Student Technology User Agreement
and Parent Permission Form**

(Please complete ALL information and provide the two signatures required)

As a user of the Beacon City School's computers and networked information resources (including the Internet), I hereby agree to comply with the terms and conditions stated in the Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy. I agree to communicate over the network in a responsible fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions. I understand and agree to abide by the following policy regarding copyrighted material.

I recognize that material received via a computer network is owned by the author or the person holding the copyright and I will give credit to all materials received electronically. I recognize that software is protected by copyright laws; I will not make copies of software found on school computers.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student's Name (print): _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Homeroom #: _____ Student's Homeroom Teacher: _____

As the **PARENT** or **LEGAL GUARDIAN** of the minor student signing above, I grant my permission for my son/daughter to use district computers and to access networked computer resources including electronic mail and the Internet. I have read the attached Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy and understand that the individual student may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for setting and conveying strictly educational standards for my son/daughter to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Street Address: _____ Town/State: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____