

2361 ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTER NETWORKS/ COMPUTERS AND RESOURCES

The Board of Education recognizes as new technologies shift the manner in which information is accessed, communicated, and transferred; these changes will alter the nature of teaching and learning. Access to technology will allow pupils to explore databases, libraries, Internet sites, and bulletin boards while exchanging information with individuals throughout the world. The Board supports access by pupils to these information sources but reserves the right to limit in-school use to materials appropriate for educational purposes. The Board directs the Superintendent to effect training of teaching staff members in skills appropriate to analyzing and evaluating such resources as to appropriateness for educational purposes.

The Board also recognizes technology allows pupils access to information sources that have not been pre-screened by educators using Board approved standards. The Board therefore adopts the following standards of conduct for the use of computer networks and declares unethical, unacceptable, or illegal behavior as just cause for taking disciplinary action, limiting or revoking network access privileges, and/or instituting legal action.

The Board provides access to computer networks/computers for educational purposes only. The Board retains the right to restrict or terminate pupil access to computer networks/computers at any time, for any reason. School district personnel will monitor networks and online activity to maintain the integrity of the networks, ensure their proper use, and ensure compliance with Federal and State laws that regulate Internet safety.

Standards for Use of Computer Networks

Any individual engaging in the following actions when using computer networks/computers shall be subject to discipline or legal action:

- A. Using the computer networks/computers for illegal, inappropriate or obscene purposes, or in support of such activities. Illegal activities are defined as activities that violate Federal, State, local laws and regulations. Inappropriate activities are defined as those that violate the intended use of the networks. Obscene activities shall be defined as a violation of generally accepted social standards for use of publicly owned and operated communication vehicles.
- B. Using the computer networks/computers to violate copyrights, institutional or third party copyrights, license agreements or other contracts.



- C. Using the computer networks in a manner that:
1. Intentionally disrupts network traffic or crashes the network;
 2. Degrades or disrupts equipment or system performance;
 3. Uses the computing resources of the school district for commercial purposes, financial gain, or fraud;
 4. Steals data or other intellectual property;
 5. Gains or seeks unauthorized access to the files of others or vandalizes the data of another person;
 6. Gains or seeks unauthorized access to resources or entities;
 7. Forges electronic mail messages or uses an account owned by others;
 8. Invades privacy of others;
 9. Posts anonymous messages;
 10. Possesses any data which is a violation of this Policy; and/or
 11. Engages in other activities that do not advance the educational purpose for which computer networks/computers are provided.

Internet Safety Protection

As a condition for receipt of certain Federal funding, the school district shall be in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and has installed technology protection measures for all computers in the school district, including computers in media centers/libraries. The technology protection must block and/or filter material and visual depictions that are obscene as defined in Section 1460 of Title 18, United States Code; child pornography, as defined in Section 2256 of Title 18, United States Code; are harmful to minors including any pictures, images, graphic image file or other material or visual depiction that taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; or depicts, describes, or represents in a patently offensive way, with respect to what is suitable for minors, sexual acts or conduct; or taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.



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This Policy also establishes Internet safety policy and procedures in the district as required in the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act. Policy 2361 addresses access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web; the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities by minors online; unauthorized disclosures, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors.

Notwithstanding blocking and/or filtering the material and visual depictions prohibited in the Children's Internet Protection Act and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, the Board shall determine other Internet material that is inappropriate for minors.

In accordance with the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Superintendent of Schools or designee will develop and ensure education is provided to every pupil regarding appropriate online behavior, including pupils interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and/or chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

The Board will provide reasonable public notice and will hold one annual public hearing during a regular monthly Board meeting or during a designated special Board meeting to address and receive public community input on the Internet safety policy - Policy and Regulation 2361. Any changes in Policy and Regulation 2361 since the previous year's annual public hearing will also be discussed at a meeting following the annual public hearing.

The school district will certify on an annual basis, that the schools, including media centers/libraries in the district, are in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act and the school district enforces the requirements of these Acts and this Policy.

Consent Requirement

No pupil shall be allowed to use the school districts' computer networks/computers and the Internet unless they have filed with Bedminster School a consent form signed by the pupil and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Violations

Individuals violating this Policy shall be subject to the consequences as indicated in Regulation 2361 and other appropriate discipline, which includes but are not limited to:



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1. Use of the network only under direct supervision;
2. Suspension of network privileges;
3. Revocation of network privileges;
4. Suspension of computer privileges;
5. Revocation of computer privileges;
6. Suspension from school;
7. Expulsion from school; and/or
8. Legal action and prosecution by the authorities.

N.J.S.A. 2A:38A-3

Federal Communications Commission: Children's Internet Protection Act

Federal Communications Commission: Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act



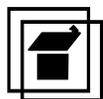
CONSENT & WAIVER AGREEMENT DISTRICT COMPUTER NETWORK(S) AND INTERNET ACCESS

The following Agreement must be read and signed by the pupil and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in order for the pupil to be permitted access to the Internet through the district's computer network(s).

By signing this Consent and Waiver Agreement, I _____ (print student name) and my parent(s) or legal guardian(s) state that we have discussed the rights and responsibilities contained herein and I agree to abide by the restrictions contained in this Agreement.

Further, my parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and I are hereby advised and do acknowledge that the Board and its employees do not have control over the information on the Internet, although the Board shall attempt to provide prudent and available barriers to objectionable material. Sites accessible by way of the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to certain individuals. The intention of the Board is to make the Internet available for the purpose of furthering its educational goals and objectives. The Board does not warrant or guarantee that pupils will not find some access to materials not linked with those goals and objectives.

Because the school district provides, through connection to the Internet, access to other computer systems around the world, pupils and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) understand and acknowledge that the Board and the district's system administrators have no control over content. While most of the content available on the Internet is innocuous and much of it a valuable educational resource, some objectionable material exists. The Board will do its best to provide pupil access to Internet resources only in supervised environments and has taken steps to lock out objectionable areas to the extent possible, but potential dangers remain. Pupils and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are advised and acknowledge that some sites that may be accessed may contain defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, or otherwise illegal material. The Board and the district's system administrators do not condone the use of such materials and do not permit the usage of such materials in the school environment. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) having access to the district's computer network(s), at such time as accesses may be permitted, should be aware of the existence of such materials and monitor home usage of the district's computer network(s). Pupils knowingly bringing such materials into the school environment will be disciplined in accordance with Board policies and regulations and such activities may result in termination of such pupils' access to the district's computer network(s) and their independent use of computers while at school.



The Board believes that the benefits to staff and pupils from access to the Internet in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, outweighs the disadvantages of access. Ultimately, the Board recognizes that it is the responsibility of the parents(s) and legal guardian(s) to set and convey the standards the pupil should follow over and above school standards. To that end, the Board respects every family's right to determine whether or not to permit the pupil to use the district's computer network(s) to enable Internet access.

Specific conditions and services on the district's computer Network(s) and the Internet change from time to time and the Board makes no warranties with respect to those services and specifically assumes no responsibility for:

1. The content of any information or advice received by a user from a source outside of the school district or any costs that are incurred as a result of seeking or accepting such advice;
2. Any costs, liability or damages caused by a user's use of the district's computer network(s), any external network(s) or the Internet;
3. Any consequences of service interruptions or changes whether or not they were under the control of school district staff; and/or
4. The privacy of electronic mail.

By signing this Agreement, all signatories agree that the Board shall not be held liable for the use of the district's computer network(s) and the Internet access provided thereby and that all users will abide by the following terms and conditions:

1. Use of the district's computer network(s) and the Internet access provided shall be for educational purposes only;
2. Use of the district's computer network(s) and the Internet access provided shall not be for any illegal purposes of any kind;
3. The district's computer network(s) and the Internet access provided shall not be used to transmit threatening, obscene or harassing material in any form;
4. Users will not disrupt the district's computer network(s), an external network, or the Internet services provided by any unauthorized personal action;



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5. Users will not copy, distribute or attempt to access any district or external computer site or files for which they do not have authorization;
6. Users will not copy information in any form to which individuals or organizations hold copyright without specific written permission from those individuals or organizations;
7. Users will not download and/or install software on district computers;
8. Users will not make copies of licensed software on district computers, nor may they remove software owned by the district;
9. Users will not engage in game playing on the district's computer network(s) unless authorized to do so for educational purposes;
10. Users will print authorized materials for educational purposes only to authorized printers; and/or
11. Users will not engage in other activities that do not advance the educational purposes for which the district's computer network(s)/computers are provided.

Violations

Individuals violating this policy shall be subject to the consequences as indicated in Regulation 2361 and other appropriate discipline, which includes but are not limited to:

1. Use of the district's computer network(s)/computers only under direct supervision;
2. Suspension of the district's computer network(s) privileges;
3. Revocation of the district's computer network(s) privileges;
4. Suspension of the district's computer privileges;
5. Revocation of the district's computer privileges;
6. Suspension from school;
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It is understood and acknowledged that the system administrators of the district's computer network(s) may monitor pupil activity on the district's computer network(s) and Internet access provided; access any files stored by pupils either on district computers or at a remote site that may be accessed by district computers; and may monitor electronic mail sent from the district's computer network(s). It is further understood and acknowledged that the system administrators, the Principal or Superintendent may discontinue use of the district's computer network(s) and the Internet access privileges and may discipline any pupil who violates the terms of this Agreement.

Pupil Name (Please Print): _____ Grade: _____

All parent(s) or legal guardian(s) legally responsible for the pupil must sign this Agreement to grant the pupil access to the district's computer network(s) and the Internet in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Date: _____

Adopted: 28 August 2014

