

**BURLINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE
AGREEMENT**

NO. 604.3

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PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE SIGNING.

All of the District's automated systems, including electronic mail, Internet access and electronic storage systems, are District property, and are not confidential. The District has the right to access, review, copy, modify, and delete any information transmitted through or stored in the system, including e-mail messages. Files containing personal information of a student are treated no differently than the District's files, and the student has no expectation of privacy in such materials.

Internet access is available to employees and students in the Burlington Community School District. The Internet connects millions of computers and individual subscribers all over the world. 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. On a global network, it is impossible to control all materials, and a user may discover controversial information. The District believes that the valuable information and interaction available on the Internet outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational objectives of the District.

The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the user who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the resources. If a District user violates any of these provisions, his or her account may be terminated and further discipline may be imposed.

- 1) **Acceptable Use.** The purpose of the Burlington Community School District's Internet access is to support research and education consistent with District goals and objectives by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the District. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any law or regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: material protected by copyright or trade secret laws, materials which are defamatory, obscene, lewd, profane, offensive, or harassing. Use for commercial activities or for product advertisement or political lobbying is prohibited. Only software authorized by the District may be loaded onto the system.
- 2) **Privilege.** The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of those privileges. The supervisor or principal will deem what is inappropriate use based on Burlington Community School District Internet – Appropriate Use Policy and Internet Safety Policy and will take appropriate action, which may also lead to disciplinary action. The Supervisor of Technology may suspend or close an account at any time. Notification to the user will be given within two weeks in writing. Employees and students whose accounts are denied, suspended, or revoked may appeal using the appropriate procedure.

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- 3) Network Etiquette (Netiquette). Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Be polite. Do not use abusive or offensive language in your messages to others.
 - Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities, profanity, lewd remarks, or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
 - Do not release personal information. Do not reveal your personal addresses or phone numbers, or of other students or colleagues.
 - Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
 - Respect other users. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
 - Rights. Users are responsible for adhering to copyright laws.
 - Purchases. Students may not subscribe to services or make purchases on-line.
- 4) Reliability. The Burlington Community School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, miss-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the District's own negligence or your errors or omissions. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
- 5) Security. Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a teacher, principal or the system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account. Do not share your network credentials with anyone. Any means used to bypass the Internet filter will be considered a violation. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.
- 6) Vandalism. Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and may be grounds for other discipline. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy property or data of another user, the Internet, or any other technologies used in the District. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
- 7) Restricted Material. Users shall not access or download any text file, picture, or other material or engage in any conference that includes material which is defamatory, harassing, obscene, libelous, indecent, vulgar, profane or lewd, or which advertises any product or service not permitted to minors by law.
- 8) Unauthorized Costs. Users shall not access any service or site via the Internet which has a cost involved without prior consent of the District. Users accessing such a service without prior consent will have access suspended and will be responsible for all costs.

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- 9) Account Information. The District will require all users to notify the system administrator of all changes in account information. Currently, there are no user fees for use of the Internet.



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I have read, understand, and will abide by the Internet Acceptable Use Agreement. I understand that any violation of the terms and conditions may constitute a criminal offense and/or a violation of District policies and regulations. Should I commit any violations, my access privileges may be suspended or revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or legal action may be taken.

User Name (please print): _____

User Signature: _____

Date: _____ School: _____

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As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Acceptable Use Agreement and agree that the terms and conditions shall apply to my child. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial materials and will not hold it responsible for materials acquired on the network.

Parent or Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Relationship to Student: _____ Date: _____

Approved: 02/11/13

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05/09/22

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