

BRIDGEPORT-SPAULDING COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TECHNOLOGY
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Preamble

The Bridgeport-Spaulding Community School District (hereinafter referred to as “District”) strongly promotes the use and advancement of technology in educational endeavors. The District provides access to informational resources available in a variety of electronic formats that enable and assist students to complete assigned tasks, communicate and develop skills necessary to participate and contribute to a technologically-rich environment and to further assist them in becoming responsible and self-directed individuals.

This policy is intended to inform and educate students as to the inappropriate uses of District technology and lay the foundation by which malicious behavior or intentional technology-related misuse is judged and consequences for unacceptable behavior are weighed.

Educational Purpose

The District’s network has been established for educational purposes. The term “educational purposes” includes classroom activities, career development, and limited high-quality self-discovery activities. The District has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material you access or post through the network.

The District makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the District network will be error-free or without defect. The District will not be responsible for any damage you may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the network. The District will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the network.

Internet Filtering Measures

The District’s informational technology network is a protected and self-contained component of the Saginaw County Saginet Network. As part of that network, certain services are shared among all Saginaw County school districts taking part. Web-content filtering takes place at the Saginaw Intermediate School District level, which houses the Saginet network hardware infrastructure. All web activity on the District’s network is monitored and recorded. Inappropriate material is blocked with Internet filtering software. This process is in compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) passed in December 2000 for all schools and libraries receiving federal E-Rate funds for Internet access or internal connections.

Unacceptable Uses

Students will not use the District’s network to access material that is profane or obscene, that advocates illegal acts, or that advocates violence or discrimination towards other people (such as hate literature).

Students will not download or install any commercial software, shareware, or freeware onto local workstations, network drives or disks, unless they have written permission from their teacher. Nor should students copy other people's work or intrude into other people's files.

Students will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the District's network or to any other computer system through the network or go beyond their authorized access. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or access another person's files. These actions are illegal, even if only for the purposes of "browsing".

Students will not bring USB drives, 'flash drives' or other mini storage devices to school and attempt to connect them to any District workstation, unless they have written permission from their teacher.

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.

Students will not plagiarize works that they find on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were yours.

Students will not join in or communicate through chat rooms.

Students will not download music or use District hardware to make copies of personal music CD's. Such activity may end in the confiscation of the music CD's and the student is still subject to other disciplinary actions.

Students will not vandalize or destroy District technology property, to include but not limited to; workstations, monitors, mice, keyboards, printers, or mouse pads.

Parents should instruct their children if there is additional material that they think would be inappropriate for the student to access. The district fully expects that the students will follow their parent's instructions in this matter.

Routine maintenance and monitoring of the District's network may lead to discovery that a student has violated this policy or the law. If there is reasonable suspicion that a student has violated this policy, that student can expect to be disciplined by the building Principal or another designated disciplinary agent.

Students need to understand that whenever they are on the network, they leave "electronic footprints" that can reveal where they've been and what they've been accessing. Network monitoring software is in place that allows all activity to be seen and recorded and in the case of a violation, to be used against the student.

Consequences

Any user violating or demonstrating the intent to violate any of the guidelines set forth in the policy may face disciplinary action. Depending on the nature and severity of the policy violation or number of past violations, the District may take one or more of the following disciplinary actions:

Discipline:

- Referral to administration for possible disciplinary action
- Possible legal action
- Law enforcement notification
- Responsibility for unauthorized charges, expenses, and fees

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SECONDARY
STUDENT APPLICATION FOR
TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET USE PRIVILEGE

Please review the attached Technology Acceptable Use Policy before signing

I have read, understand, and will abide by the guidelines established within the attached Technology Acceptable Use Policy of the Bridgeport-Spaulding Community School District (hereinafter referred to as "District."). I agree to comply with all District policies, procedures, and guidelines. Further, I understand that any violation of these regulations is unethical and may constitute a consequence and/or criminal offense. Should I commit any violation of this agreement, I understand that my access to technology privileges may be revoked as provided in this agreement, and that school disciplinary action and/or appropriate criminal legal action may be taken.

I fully understand and agree to comply with the District's Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

Student Name [Please Print]

Student Signature

School: High School Alternative Education Middle School

Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

As the parent/legal guardian of the above listed student, I have read, understand, and will abide by the guidelines established within the attached Technology Acceptable Use Policy of the Bridgeport-Spaulding Community School District (hereinafter referred to as "District."). I understand that this access is for educational purposes. I recognize that it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials available on the network. I will hold harmless the District, the employees, agents, and Board members, for any harm caused by materials obtained via the network. I hereby give my permission for my student to access school technology and the District network and certify that the information contained on the form is correct.

Yes, my child may use the Internet. No, my child may not use the Internet.

Parent Name [Please Print]

Parent Signature

Date: _____

Publication Consent

I hereby GIVE (or) EXPRESSLY WITHHOLD [check one] permission for my child's photograph and/or name to be published on District web pages.

I DO (or) DO NOT [check one] give permission for my child's photograph and/or name to be published on District web pages as part of a team and/or other large group photograph.

Parent Name [Please Print]

Parent Signature

Date: _____

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ELEMENTARY
STUDENT APPLICATION FOR
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As parent/legal guardian of the below-named child, I have read, understand, and will abide by the guidelines established within the attached Technology Acceptable Use Policy of the Bridgeport-Spaulling Community School District (hereinafter referred to as "District."). I recognize that it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials available on the network. I will hold harmless the District, the employees, agents, and Board members, for any harm caused by materials obtained via the network. I hereby give my permission for my student to access school technology and the District network and certify that the information contained on the form is correct.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____ School: Brucker Schrah Schluckebier T White

- Yes, my child may use the Internet. No, my child may not use the Internet.

Parent Name [Please Print]

Parent Signature

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