

# **School District of Black River Falls**

## **School Board Policy 364.1-Exhibit (2) Information Technology and Communication Resources Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement (Student - Middle School)**

Students in the Black River Falls School District have access to and may use the District computer systems and the Internet. Student use of technology is considered a crucial part of the learning process. We encourage our students to utilize these resources in order to promote educational excellence in our schools. Using District technology gives our students the chance to develop the resource sharing, innovation and communication skills which will be essential to life and work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **District Devices**

District devices will be used only for educational and research purposes consistent with the educational objectives of the district. Students and parents/guardians are advised that a student's use of the District computer network, including which computers or chromebooks they use, which Internet sites they visit, any email they send or receive and what material they save on the network, shall be monitored and may be accessed by school officials. Students should not expect privacy in any work they do, any communication they make or any material they save.

### **School Email Accounts**

Students in the School District of Black River Falls are given district Google accounts. These accounts are to be used for school-related purposes only. School email accounts should never be used to sign up for any personal accounts, including, but not limited to: Twitter, Facebook, Amazon, YouTube, Pinterest, etc. Students who use their school email accounts to sign up for these things may have their school email disabled.

### **Internet Access**

Students and parents/guardians should also be advised that some material accessible via the Internet and other computer networks may contain items that are illegal, defamatory or potentially offensive to some people. Access to the Internet and other computer networks is given as a privilege, not a right, to students who act in a considerate and responsible manner. Failure to abide by the rules may result in loss of computer/Internet access. Students and parents/guardians are required to read, accept and sign this Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for District computer access. For Internet access, the District supports and respects each family's decision whether or not to allow their child access.

The rules listed below provide some specific examples, but these examples are not all-inclusive.

Acceptable computer use includes:

1. Curricular learning appropriate for school
2. Accessing research tools as directed by District staff
3. Creating and sharing student work
4. Saving and storing school projects on network resources
5. Communication as instructed by District staff
6. Appropriate use of district software programs

Unacceptable computer use includes but is not limited to:

1. Using or attempting to use another person's account to access a computer and/or the Internet even with his or her permission
2. Sharing your usernames or passwords for any network resources
3. Accessing or attempting to access another person's files
4. Downloading and/or installing ANY application, utility or software OR media files such as music, movies or games
5. Entering chat rooms, using ANY instant messaging application or utility, or participation in online gaming
6. Watching movies or other videos that have not been assigned for a specific class during school hours
7. Playing online games during school hours
8. Using your Google account to email or chat with friends during school hours
9. Accessing or sending inappropriate material and messages such as obscene or abusive language, harassing or threatening messages, visual depictions that are obscene, pornography or material harmful to minors
10. Vandalizing or damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
11. Violating copyright laws or plagiarizing the intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission
12. Wasting limited network resources, including bandwidth and storage space
13. Employing the network for illegal or commercial purposes
14. Sharing personal information about himself/herself or others on the Internet, including personal passwords, full names, addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers or credit card information
15. Attempting to bypass the District's Internet filtering system through the use of programs downloaded from the Internet, brought in on portable storage devices or through other websites or web services such as proxies.

Suspicion of inappropriate or prohibited computer use shall be investigated. The District also cautions that routine maintenance and system monitoring may lead to the discovery of AUP violations. Misuse of computers, network resources or Internet access, as well as other school rules, may result in loss of network and/or Internet use privileges. School disciplinary action may be taken, even if this leaves students unable to complete required assignments at school. District administrators will take disciplinary action on a case-by-case basis. Students may also be subject to other discipline, including suspension or expulsion. Appropriate legal action may also be taken against students performing illegal acts on the Internet. Violations of the AUP are regarded as disciplinary matters; the discipline appeals process applies.

Students accidentally accessing inappropriate materials on the Internet should immediately close the browser window and/or shut off the device. Students should then notify the teacher or lab supervisor who will then inform the Technology Department.

LEGAL REF.: 120.13(1); 943.70; 947.0125, Wisconsin Statutes

PL 94-553, Federal Copyright Law

CROSS REF.: 364.1, Acceptable Use for District Information Technology and Communication Resources

364.1-Rule, Rules for Acceptable Use of District Information Technology and Communication Resources

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## School District of Black River Falls Information Technology and Communication Resources Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement

I have read the above rules for acceptable computer use and online behavior. I understand the rules and agree to comply with the Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement. Should I violate the rules, I understand that I may lose Internet and/or other computer and network privileges.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Parent/Guardian Permissions

Internet Access – please choose one:

\_\_\_\_\_ As the parent/guardian of the student signing above, I GRANT permission for this student to have Internet access.

\_\_\_\_\_ As the parent/guardian of the student signing above, I GRANT permission for this student to ONLY have Internet access for testing purposes (State and Universal Screener testing)

By signing this document, you are agreeing to the Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement and all of the statements checked above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian (Printed)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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