

# BLIND BROOK RYE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

*Terms and Conditions for Student Use  
of the Internet, District Network and Technology for Grades K-5*

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### **CONTRACT FOR ACCEPTABLE COMPUTER USAGE BMP RIDGE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

While using the computer I will:

1. Show respect for others.
2. Show respect for the things that people have on the computer.
3. Show respect for all school computer equipment.
4. Respect the software laws by not copying software.
5. Respect the copyright laws by not copying text from the Internet without referencing my sources.
6. Keep my password to myself and not try to find out someone else's password.
7. Not share my password or use someone else's account.
8. Understand that teachers will be able to see what I have put on the computer.
9. Use the Internet for my school work only.
10. Not post or release my last name, home address, home telephone number, social security number or photograph on the Internet or e-mail that information.
11. Not post or release the home address, home telephone number, social security number or photograph or e-mail of anyone on the Internet or e-mail that information

#### **STUDENT AGREEMENT**

I have read these rules with my parents and we have discussed them together. I promise to follow the rules. If I do not, I might not be able to use the computers in school.

\_\_\_\_\_

Student

\_\_\_\_\_

Grade

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

#### **PARENT(S) / GUARDIAN(S) AGREEMENT:**

*I (We) have read the Acceptable Use Policy. As the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above named student, I (We) understand that the internet access to the school is intended for educational purposes, and that it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial material. The Blind Brook-Rye UFSD cannot be responsible for materials accessed on the Internet.*

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

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#### Introduction

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The Blind Brook-Rye School District is pleased to offer its students, faculty and staff access to the Internet. The Internet, a global electronic information infrastructure, is a connection of networks used by educators, business, government, the military and other organizations. The Board of Education strongly believes in the value of telecommunications and recognizes the potential of such to support our curriculum, students, faculty and staff.

The Internet is a fluid environment. In general, electronic traffic passes freely in a trusting atmosphere. But with such access comes the availability of material that may not be appropriate in a school setting. It is our goal to provide users with the understanding and skills needed to discriminate among information sources, to identify information appropriate to their age and developmental levels, and to evaluate and use information to meet their educational objectives.

This policy is designed to facilitate and set guidelines for exploring and using the Internet, the district network applications and web based instructional and research tools, in a responsible, ethical and legal manner. Of necessity, it places the primary responsibility for proper conduct on the user. Use of the School District's local network and Internet facilities in contravention of the following guidelines will result in cancellation of the user's account as determined by a building administrator and possible legal intervention when applicable.

### Terms and Conditions for Student Use

A. I understand and grant permission for my child

\_\_\_\_\_ to access the Internet, District Network and other District technology and have discussed with him/her the requirement that he/she abide by the following Rules and Code of Ethics:

1. The use of a user's account must be for research in support of education, consistent with the objectives of the Blind Brook-Rye School District.
2. Network accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account for authorized purposes. Using or sharing another user's login name and password is prohibited.
3. Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users.
4. No use of the network shall serve to disrupt the use of the network by others; hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, copied, damaged, or abused in any way. Nor shall the network be used in any way that intends to disrupt operation of the network or use of the network by others.
5. Malicious use of the Internet or the network to develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer or computer system and/or damage the software components of a computer or computer system (e.g., create viruses) is prohibited.
6. Hate mail, harassment, profanity, obscenity, discriminatory remarks, misrepresentation, impersonation, and/or other similar behavior are prohibited on the Internet and the network.
7. Intentional uses of the Internet or the network to access or process pornographic material, text files unrelated to course work or academic research, materials for use in illegal activities, or files dangerous to the operating integrity of the network and its users are prohibited.
8. Exemplary behavior is expected on "virtual" field trips, as the user is representing the Blind Brook-Rye School District when visiting locations on the Internet.

9. Users shall not reveal anything that would enable others to locate or exploit them, e.g., last name, home address, credit card, photos of themselves/others or social security number. Similarly, users shall not reveal such information about others over the Internet.
10. Students without parental permission to use the Internet are prohibited from teaming up with those who have permission to use the Internet.
11. Use of the Internet, network or district web based e-mail tool to hack into other users' accounts is prohibited.
12. Use of the Internet or the network for commercial or for-profit purposes is prohibited.
13. Use of the Internet or the network for product advertisement or political lobbying is prohibited.
14. Each user is responsible for his/her own actions while using the Internet or the network.
15. The use of text messaging, instant messaging or any digital communication during an exam or during instructional time is prohibited.
16. If a graphing calculator must be used, having students show the instructor that they have reset their calculator prior to the start of an exam.
17. All digital devices, including smart phones, shall be turned off during exams.

#### B. Intellectual Property

1. I recognize that material received via the Internet or a computer network is owned by the author or the person holding the copyright and/or other intellectual property rights, and my child will give full credit for all materials received electronically.
2. I recognize that software is protected by copyright laws; therefore, my child will not make copies of software found on school computers either by copying them onto my own diskettes, CD's or onto other computers through electronic mail or bulletin boards; and will not give, lend, or sell copies of software to others unless they have the written permission of the copyright owner or unless the original software is clearly identified as shareware or in the public domain. Attributions of authorship will follow the same copyright rules for material obtained via the network.
3. I recognize that electronic copyrighted text is protected by copyright laws; therefore, my child will not cut and paste or photograph electronically with my cell phone this copyrighted text into my reports, take home exams, school related documents without correctly referencing the copyrighted source. Attributions of authorship will follow the same copyright rules for material obtained via the network.

I understand and agree that any violation of the above will have serious consequences. Any violation of District policy and rules may result in loss of District-provided access to the Internet and network access. Additional disciplinary action may be determined at the building level in keeping with existing procedures and practices regarding inappropriate language and behavior. Legal intervention may occur when applicable, including but not limited to network tampering, hacking and intentional equipment theft or damage.

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