

# BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT 87

## *Authorization for Student Network/Internet Access*

*Each student and their parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the Authorization before being granted unsupervised access.*

All use of the Network/Internet shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. This *Authorization* does not attempt to state all required or prescribed behaviors by users. However, some specific examples are provided. **The failure of any user to follow the terms of the *Authorization for Network/Internet Access* will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.** The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate that the party who signed has read the terms and conditions carefully understands their significance.

### Terms and Conditions

1. **Acceptable Use** - Access to the District's Network/Internet must be for the purpose of education, communication, or research, and be consistent with the educational objectives of the District as set forth in written Board policy.
2. **Privileges** - The use of the District's Network/Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of those privileges. The Director of Instructional Technology and/or the Building Principal will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated the *Instructional Resources Technology Use* policies and may deny, revoke or suspend access at any time.
3. **Unacceptable Use** - Students of the District are responsible for their actions and activities involving the District Network/Internet. Examples of unacceptable use include:
  - ◆ Using the Network/Internet for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any U.S. or State regulation;
  - ◆ Downloading copyrighted material without permission; commercial use;
  - ◆ Using the network for commercial gain;
  - ◆ Invading the privacy of individuals;
  - ◆ Using another user's account or password without that user's permission;
  - ◆ Posting of material authored or created by another without his/her consent;
  - ◆ Posting of anonymous messages;
  - ◆ Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing or displaying any defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, pornographic, threatening, racially offensive, harassing or illegal materials and material of a sexual nature that is inappropriate in a school environment; and
  - ◆ Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.

### General Conditions and Information

1. **No Warranties** - The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages an individual suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed deliveries or service interruptions caused by unforeseen network problems or a user's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Network/Internet is at a user's own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

2. **Telephone Charges** - The District assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges and/or equipment or line costs.
3. **Unauthorized Access** - Users shall not tamper with or attempt to gain access to computer data for which the user has no security authorization. This includes, but is not limited to, financial, employee, or student information. If the security level of a user is in doubt, they are to contact the Director of Instructional Technology.
4. **Network Etiquette** - Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:  
The user should:
  - **be polite.** He/she should not become abusive in his/her messages to others.
  - **use** appropriate language. Individuals should not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
  - **not** reveal the personal addresses or telephone numbers of colleagues or students.
  - **recognize** that electronic mail (E-mail) is not private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the authorities.
  - **not** use the network in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.
  - **consider** all communications and information accessible via the network to be private property.
5. **Vandalism** - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Network/Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
6. **Security** - Network security is a high priority. If the user can identify a security problem on the Network/Internet, the user must notify the Director of Instructional Technology or Building Principal.

#### Violation of Policies

Any user who violates these policies shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the applicable provisions of the appropriate student handbook, and/or the Illinois School Code. Additionally, if a user's conduct constitutes a violation of copyright laws, the user may be subject to prosecution under such laws. Any user who intentionally or negligently damages or destroys District hardware and/or software will also be responsible for all costs associated with repair and/or replacement parts and services.

Students, parent(s)/guardian(s), need only sign this *Authorization for Network/Internet Access* once while enrolled by the School District.

**PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED SIGNATURE PAGE (PAGE 3 of 3) PROMPTLY TO THE STUDENT'S SCHOOL.**

Students, parent(s)/guardian(s), need only sign this *Authorization for Network/Internet Access* once while enrolled by the School District.

I understand and will abide by the *Authorization for Network/Internet Access*. I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the District's Network/Internet connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release the School District and its Board members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages arising from my use, or inability to use the Network/Internet.

User Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

User Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required if the user is a student)

I have read this *Authorization for Network/Internet Access*. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and the District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, or Board Members, for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the network. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the terms of this *Authorization* with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to the District's Network/Internet.

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) Signature

**-OR-**

I hereby decline that my child be allowed access to the District's Network/Internet.

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) Signature

