

## **Bloomington Public Schools, District 87**

### **Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) – Students and Parents**

Each student and parent/guardian must sign this AUP to gain access to and use of District technology and electronic systems, including but not limited to, networks, internet, and all related hardware (computers, equipment and other devices), software programs, and data/information stored in such systems.

This AUP must be signed at the time of initial registration, at grades 3, 5, 6, and 9, and when participating in special projects.

Use of District technology and electronic systems is a privilege, not a right. All use shall be for the purpose of education, communication, and research consistent with Board policy #6.235.

This AUP outlines major terms, conditions, and expectations for user but does not attempt to state all required or prescribed behaviors. Students are responsible for their behavior and activities when using District technology and electronic systems. Students are expected to abide by the following rules of etiquette: be polite, use appropriate language (not swear, use vulgarities, or abusive language), maintain confidentiality (not reveal private information such as addresses or telephone numbers), and do not disrupt other users.

Unacceptable behavior and use include, among others:

- Any illegal activity;
- Downloading or using copyrighted material without permission;
- Downloading or installing unauthorized material or software;
- Commercial purposes;
- Invading privacy;
- Using another user's account or password without permission;
- Posting material without the authors consent;
- Posting material anonymously;
- Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing or displaying inappropriate material such as defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, inappropriate sexual nature, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or bullying, materials.
- Tampering with or attempting to gain access to data for which the user has no authorization.
- Vandalism or other intentional or negligent damage, or attempt to damage, District technology or electronic systems including creating or uploading viruses or use of any technology, online anonymous proxy, or VPN/filter avoidance method to circumvent District bandwidth shaping or filtering technologies.

District technology and electronic systems can be accessed at any time and from any location. Therefore, this AUP applies to any use that has an impact on the educational environment regardless of the location or time it occurs.

Use of District technology and electronic systems is at a user's own risk. The District makes no warranties, whether expressed or implied, regarding the level of service it provides and shall not be held responsible for any damages, including those caused by loss of data, service interruptions, use or inability to use, or the accuracy, quality or appropriateness of information obtained through use. The District has taken precautions to filter inappropriate material; however, it is impossible for the District to prevent user access to all controversial and inappropriate materials.

Users shall be responsible for any unauthorized costs, including for download, line, telephone, or equipment charges or fees. A user who intentionally or negligently damages or destroys District technology and electronic systems shall be responsible for all costs associated with their repair and replacement.

Multiple incidents of loss/stolen or damaged devices may result in a device not being provided to a student, until return or payment obligations have been met.

The Director of Instructional Technology and the Building Principal will make all decisions regarding user compliance with this AUP and access and use of District technology and electronic systems.

Failure to follow this AUP will result in loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and appropriate legal action pursuant to the student handbook, the Illinois School Code, and any other state or federal law or regulation. Users should familiarize themselves with the Discipline section of the student handbooks sets forth in more detail specific behaviors related to technology which will lead to discipline.

There is no expectation of privacy when using District technology and electronic systems. District administrators and technology staff are authorized to monitor and read all e-mail, data files, and any other material or communications in such systems. The District will conduct investigations into misuse and illegal activity and will report to and cooperate with all appropriate law enforcement and other authorities.

Your signature below is legally binding and acknowledges that you have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms, conditions and expectations of the AUP.

I hereby request that I/my child **be allowed** access and use of District technology and electronic systems. I hereby release the District and its Board members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages for any harm arising from my/my child's use or inability to use District technology and electronic systems. I accept full responsibility for supervising my child's use when not at school. I have discussed the terms, conditions and expectations of this AUP with my child.

**Student:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

or

I hereby request that I/my child **not be allowed** access and use of District technology and electronic systems.

**Student:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_