

DISTRICT ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT/STUDENTS

Statement of Agreement

It is the policy of the Berlin Board of Education to maintain an environment that promotes ethical and responsible conduct in all online network activities by students. It shall be a violation of this agreement for any student to engage in any activity that does not conform to the established purpose, general rules and policies of the network.

User Responsibilities

Students are not to reveal their personal information or information about others, including but not limited to, home address or home phone number. Giving out personal information about another person is strictly prohibited. You must notify your parent(s)/guardian(s) and administration immediately if any individual is trying to contact you for illicit or suspicious activities.

Internet Rules

Students shall be responsible for the appropriate use of technology and shall use the District's technological resources primarily for purposes related to their education. Students are hereby notified that there is no expectation of privacy on district computers, computer files, email, Internet, usage logs, and other electronic data.

Acceptable/Unacceptable Use

1. All use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the purposes of the Berlin Public Schools;
2. Any use of the network for commercial or for-profit purposes is prohibited;
3. Use of the network for personal and private business is prohibited;
4. Any use of the network for product advertisement or political lobbying is prohibited;
5. Network accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account for the authorized purpose;
6. Users will not lend their account or password to others nor will they use another person's account or password;
7. Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on the network;
8. No use of the network shall serve to disrupt the use of the network by others; hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way;
9. Malicious use of the network to develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer or computing system and/or damage the software components of a computer or computing system is prohibited;

10. Hate mail, harassment, offensive pictures or messages, obscene language, discriminatory remarks and other antisocial behaviors are prohibited;
11. The illegal installation of copyrighted software for use on district computers is prohibited, and installation of software requires administrator permission;
12. Use of the network to access or use pornographic, offensive, inappropriate, or malicious materials are prohibited;
13. Illegal activities of any kind are prohibited;
14. Playing games is prohibited unless authorized by a classroom teacher for educational purposes;
15. From time to time the Berlin Public Schools will make determinations on whether specific uses of the network are consistent with the acceptable use practice;
16. Participation in chat rooms is not allowed;
17. E-mail outside the District by students is not permitted unless approved by building administration.

Liability

1. Pursuant to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986 (18usc 2510 et seq), notice is hereby given that there are NO facilities provided by this system for sending or receiving private or confidential electronic communications. System administrators have access to all mail and will monitor messages. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate authorities;
2. The Berlin Public Schools reserves the right to log network use and assumes no responsibility or liability for files deleted;
3. The Berlin Public Schools reserves the right to remove or suspend a user account on the network;
4. The Berlin Public Schools reserves the right to change its Internet policies and rules at any time.

Other Considerations

1. Any user who does not comply with policies and guidelines will temporarily lose network privileges. Repeated or severe infractions of the policies and guidelines may result in termination of access privileges permanently. Student infractions may result in appropriate disciplinary action in addition to suspension or termination of access privileges or legal action;
2. Unauthorized use of the network, intentional deletion or damage to files and data belonging to other users, or copyright violations may be termed theft as defined under local, state or federal law;
3. The student is held responsible for his/her actions and activity within his/her account. Unacceptable uses of the network will result in the suspension or revocation of these privileges;
4. The use of Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use, including any violation of these conditions and rules, may result in cancellation of the privilege. The administration, under this agreement, is delegated the authority to determine appropriate use and may

deny, revoke, suspend or close any user account at any time based upon its determination of inappropriate use by account holder or user.

Security issues

Security on any computer system and network is a high priority. If you identify a security risk or network problem, you must notify an administrator. Attempts to logon to any other account than your own will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access.

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