Student Technology Acceptable Use Agreement
Bozeman School District #7
Policy 8422P
Grades 6-12

Bozeman School District #7 provides access to voice, data and video electronic communication systems for educational purposes. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

To comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act and to the extent practical, technology protection measures shall be used to block or filter as defined by law. Filtering is by no means meant to supersede the guidelines and requirements described in this document. Filtered access to some sites may still violate the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement. If users find themselves in an area on the network that is inappropriate they should leave immediately. If students receive electronic information that is inappropriate they should report it to the adult supervisor of the classroom. Communication over district networks is not private. Any files, Internet access or communications on Bozeman School District computers or networks may be reviewed or monitored for maintenance and supervision purposes.

Students will not be permitted to access electronic mail through our network unless it is directly supervised and used for educational purposes. Staff will ensure that students abide by the Bozeman School District Technology Acceptable Use Agreement, will not leave students unattended while they are using the Internet, and will have educationally relevant objectives for each Internet activity.

Parents and guardians have a responsibility to read this policy and convey its meaning and standards to their children when they are using media and technology sources during the school day.

Bozeman School District Terms and Conditions for Responsible Network Use

DO:

- Use district and school technologies for educational pursuits.
- Practice Internet safety.
- Immediately back out of any questionable site.
- Remember your user name and password.
- Follow instructions of teachers, librarians, technology teachers and computer lab assistants.
- Cite your digital sources correctly.
- Ask for help with equipment or software problems and report any equipment or software malfunctions.
- Take care of equipment.
- Return all borrowed technology equipment promptly and in the same condition as you received it.
- Conserve technology resources including network space, bandwidth, etc. Only print what is necessary or assigned.

Do not:

- Eat or drink at any school computer.
- Share passwords.
- Share or reveal your name, personal information, or phone numbers of yourself or others.
- Access or download any illegal, pornographic, abusive, obscene or harassing materials.
- Cyber-bully (Cyber-bullying is the willful harm inflicted through the medium of electronic text or

images. Examples include but are not limited to: sending threatening emails, posting derogatory or personal comments and/or photos or video about someone on a web site, sending harassing text messages, physically threatening or intimidating someone and/or spreading rumors about someone.)

- Access or alter other people's files.
- Excessively consume limited hard drive space, network space, or bandwidth.
- Download or install software, shareware or freeware.
- Violate copyright laws.
- Create or spread computer viruses.
- Attempt to gain unauthorized or illegal access to district technology resources.
- Connect personal electronic devices to the network without permission.
- Change any computer settings or alter hardware and/or cables.
- Gamble

***Unless you have a teacher's approval or supervision* do not:**

- Access or use any email, messaging services, or online accounts.
- Access or use chat rooms, online social environments, blogs, newsgroups, listservs.
- Access, download, or play games; visit game sites, access game cheat codes or participate in simulations.
- Change any computer settings or alter hardware and/or cables.
- Create or manage a personal web page on school computers.
- Download music, programs or access streaming video or audio.
- Participate in any online for-profit activities.

The above lists do not cover every possible situation. If you have any questions, please ask your teacher, librarian or technology teacher.

It is understood that a guardian signature is not required for this procedure to be effective. Computer access has become an integral part of the curriculum, and the inability to use this resource may impact your student's educational opportunities. **Please sign the form included in the student handbook if you do NOT want your student to have access to district computers. If we receive no response within 10 days of the receipt of the form, we will consider that as an "opt-in" and will allow your student to have computer access**.

Students will be held liable for violations of this agreement. It is understood that the Bozeman School District's computer systems and technology resources are intended for educational purposes. The Bozeman School District staff will exercise reasonable oversight to ensure that the communication and technology resources and facilities are used in an appropriate manner. Bozeman School District makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the district system will be error-free or without defect.

The Bozeman School District will not be held responsible for materials acquired on the network. The District will not be responsible for any damage a user may suffer including, but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information attained through or stored on the system. The District will not be responsible for financial obligations arising from unauthorized use of the system.