

InstructionAcceptable Use of Computer Resources and the Internet - Regulations

1. All uses of computer resources and the Internet must be in support of education and research and be consistent with the philosophy, beliefs and goals of the Brookfield Board of Education and each of its schools. Each school shall outline specific expectations and/or restrictions pertinent to its educational programs.
2. Any use of computer resources and the Internet for commercial or for-profit purposes is prohibited.
3. Use of computer resources and the Internet for personal and private business is prohibited.
4. No use of computer resources and the Internet shall serve to disrupt the use by others; hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way.
5. Malicious use of computer resources and the Internet to develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer or computing system and/or damage the software components or a computer or computing system is prohibited. Any attempt to harm, modify or destroy property (e.g., data) belonging to another, including the act of knowingly transmitting computer viruses, shall be considered vandalism.
6. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks and other antisocial behaviors are prohibited. Harassment is the act of deliberately and persistently annoying another user, or intentionally interfering with another's work. Harassment includes the sending of objectionable or offensive mail to others.
7. Students are prohibited from installing software for use on district computers.
8. Students shall be permitted to use disks containing data created at home, or other locations outside the school site, under the supervision of school staff.
9. Use of computer resources and the Internet to access or process obscene material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the local area network is prohibited. Each school administration has the authority to monitor, supervise, and/or restrict access.
10. Approval for subscriptions to listservs and news groups must be obtained from professional staff.
11. Mail from listservs must be monitored daily and deleted from the personal mail directory to avoid excessive use of file server hard-disk space.

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12. If an individual school in the district deems e-mail and other communication vehicles suitable for educational activities, the following generally accepted rules of network etiquette must be followed:
 - a. Be polite. Don't use vulgar or offensive language. Be aware of cultural differences and avoid slang expressions when exchanging information with other users on the Internet.
 - b. Do not reveal your password, personal address or phone number or personal information about yourself, or other students and colleagues.
 - c. Don't scan personal photographs into correspondence without parent permission and teacher supervision.
13. Each school shall develop guidelines consistent with Board policy and administrative regulations. Student users must always have permission before using computer resources and the Internet and follow instructions of their individual school's guidelines. Guidelines and responsible use agreements will be issued and collected by each school at the beginning of each school year and given, at the time of registration, to all those who register after school begins.
14. Student users must be supervised when accessing the Internet. Each school principal shall ensure that students will only use the Internet when under staff supervision.
15. Any user violating these rules, applicable state and/or federal laws, or posted classroom and district rules is subject to loss of computer resource privileges and/or disciplinary sanctions consistent with Board policies relating to student discipline.
16. If rules/guidelines change, all users and parents shall be notified.

Cf. - 5114 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
 5131 - Student Behavior
 5145.12 - Search and Seizure
 5145.13

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Brookfield Board of Education
 Brookfield, Connecticut

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Grade 5-12

I, _____, as a user of the Brookfield School District's electronic information resources and computer networks, have read and will abide by the Acceptable Use of Computer Resources Policy of the Brookfield Board of Education and comply with the following pre-conditions of my use:

1. I will use electronic information resources only for education and research purposes - and only as those purposes are consistent with the educational objectives of the Brookfield Board of Education;
2. I will use information resources in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner at all times;
3. I will use electronic information resources only with the permission of a staff member;
4. I will be considerate of other electronic information users and their privacy, and I will use polite and appropriate language at all times while accessing and using these resources;
5. I will not give out any personal information about myself or anyone else while using these resources, other than my first name and school e-mail address;
6. I will make responsible decisions while accessing and using these resources;
7. I will not knowingly degrade or disrupt electronic information resources, services, or equipment, and I understand that such activity may be considered to be a crime and includes, for example, tampering with computer hardware and software, vandalizing or modifying data without permission, invoking computer viruses, attempting to gain access to restricted or unauthorized networks or network services, or violating copyright laws;
8. I will immediately report any problems or any inappropriate messages received to my teacher or to the school personnel who are supervising my use of these resources;
9. I will not undertake activities in the electronic school environment that would be considered inappropriate in the non-electronic school environment.
10. If I do not follow these rules, I know that I may lose my privilege to use the computers at school, that I may be disciplined for not following the rules, and that I may have to pay for any damage I cause by my misuse of these resources;
11. I am aware that the inappropriate use of these resources can be a violation of local, state, and federal laws and that I may be prosecuted for violating those laws.

Signed: _____

Student

Date

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I have read this Responsible Use Agreement and the Board's Computer Resources and the Internet policy and regulations and have explained and discussed its importance with my child. I understand that prior to my child's use of these resources, he/she will be instructed by school staff in the use of these resources and will also be instructed to follow the Board's Computer Resources and the Internet policy and regulations.

I understand, and I explained to my child, that he/she may lose his/her privilege to use these resources at school and may face disciplinary action if he/she does not follow this Agreement and the Board's policy and regulations. I understand that I may be liable for costs incurred by my child's deliberate misuse of electronic information resources or of the District's electronic equipment or software programs.

I understand that the District will employ filtering programs, access controls, and active supervision by staff to protect students from any misuses and abuses as a result of their use of the District's electronic information services. I also understand that these controls, filters, and monitors are not foolproof and that my child may access material which I might consider controversial and offensive. I understand that the Brookfield Board of Education has no control over the content of the information available on the Internet. I will not hold the Board liable for materials my child obtains from these electronic information resources.

Please check the appropriate box, sign and date, and return to your son's or daughter's school.

- I give the Brookfield Board of Education my permission to allow my child to access and use electronic information resources for educational and research purposes.
- I do not give the Brookfield Board of Education my permission to allow my child to access and use electronic information resources for educational and research purposes.

Signed: _____
Parent or Guardian

Date