

InstructionAcceptable Use of Electronic Communication Devices (ECD's) and the Internet - Regulations

1. All uses of electronic resources including personally owned and school issued desktop computers, laptop computers, handheld devices, tablet devices and other electronic communication devices (ECD's) 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 ECD's and the Internet for commercial or for-profit purposes is prohibited.
3. No use of ECD's and the Internet shall serve to disrupt the use by others.
4. Hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way.
5. Malicious use of ECD's 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 strictly 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 and will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
6. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, cyberbullying, and other antisocial behaviors are prohibited. Harassment is the act of deliberately and persistently annoying another user, or intentionally interfering with another's work. Cyberbullying is defined as the use of computer systems or other electronic means including email, instant messaging, text messaging, blogging, the use of social network websites, or other electronic means to commit acts of bullying.
7. Students are prohibited from installing software for use on district computers without prior approval.
8. Students shall be permitted to use portable storage devices containing data created at home, or other locations outside the school site.
9. Use of ECD's and the Internet to access obscene material, inappropriate files, or -any activity dangerous to the integrity of the local area network or school community is strictly prohibited. Each school administration has the authority and responsibility to monitor, supervise, and/or restrict access.

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10. When using the District provided email:
  - 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. Do not engage in cyberbullying
  
11. Guidelines and acceptable use agreements will be issued 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. The "Responsible Use of Electronic Communication Devices Agreement" shall be distributed via the PowerSchool Public Portal and will require acknowledgement by both parents and students.
  
12. Any user violating these rules, or posted classroom and district guidelines is subject to loss of ECD resource privileges and/or disciplinary sanctions consistent with Board policies relating to student discipline. Any user violating applicable state and/or federal laws will be referred to the appropriate legal authorization.
  
13. If rules/guidelines change, all users and parents shall be notified.
  
14. ECD's that are the property of the school district issued to students are subject to procedures or expectations detailed in the school issued Electronic Device Users Agreement. The User Agreement will include information relevant to caring for and using ECD's.

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

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