

BRIDGEPORT ISD COMPUTER NETWORK RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY

INTRODUCTION

One of Bridgeport Independent School District's strategic design goals is to focus on 21st Century learning through the use of digital services. Our learners will utilize a variety of multimedia tools for learning and communicating. They will develop the ability to differentiate and apply appropriate social and professional communication skills.

The use of these digital tools are a privilege and not a right. Students and Staff alike will be held responsible and accountable for their actions within these digital communities. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in disciplinary action, including referrals and suspension of privileges.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

Be Responsible

- Use the Internet and school network for classroom-related activities only
- Use email, chat rooms, social networks as part of class curriculum only
- Use Internet and computers only under adult supervision.
- Handle all technology equipment with care - follow Chromebook/MacBook care expectations

Be Respectful

- Respect and protect your privacy and the privacy of others
 - Use only your assigned accounts
 - Keep personal information such as: full name, address, phone number, etc., off of public websites
 - Keep passwords secret
 - Represent yourself truthfully
- Respect and protect the integrity, availability, and security of all electronic resources
 - Observe all network and security practices
 - Conserve, protect, and share these resources with other students and Internet users
 - Treat digital technologies with care, report any damages, security risks or violations to a teacher or administrator
- Respect and protect the copyrighted / intellectual property of others
 - Cite all sources appropriately
 - Follow all copyright laws
- Respect and practice the principles of community
 - Communicate only in ways that are kind, responsible, respectful, safe and lawful
 - Obtain permission before taking/using photos, videos or images of other people
 - Observe all network security practices
 - Use only school appropriate web content, language, images and videos

Be Safe

- Report threatening or offensive materials to a teacher or administrator
- Protect personal identity and the identity of others online
- Follow school district guidelines for web publishing and social media
- Use all equipment and systems carefully, following instructions
- Keep passwords secret

DISTRICT WEB PAGES AND RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

The District may establish an Internet web site that will present information about the District. The webmaster will be responsible for maintaining the District web site. Designated District personnel may be permitted to post information directly to the District web site and will therefore be held responsible for its content.

Recognizing the Internet as an effective tool for communicating important news, classroom activities, extracurricular events, etc., the District reserves the right to publish relevant student information (including name, individual images, images as part of a group, videotaped images, voice recordings, and extracurricular memberships) to the District's web site. Parents may restrict the publishing of their child's information (in whole or in part) by sending written notice to their child's campus secretary.

All District web pages shall be subject to approval or modification by the technology director for purposes of protecting individual privacy and adherence to District policy on release of information and copyright.

THIRD PARTY ACCOUNTS

In accordance with our District mission, goals and our vision for technology, our students may require accounts in third party systems. Many of these accounts will be used at school for school related projects but may also be accessed outside of school with their parents' permission. The use of these accounts will help our students to master effective and proper online communications as required in the PreK-12 Technology Applications Standards. The District reserves the right to create and manage third party accounts (including but not limited to: G Suite for Education, Destiny, Renaissance, Learning.com, HMH, Pearson, STEMscopes) for students. Parents may deny the District permission to create and manage third party accounts by sending written notice to their child's campus secretary.

COMPUTER AND NETWORK ACCESS

Access to the District's computer network system will be governed as follows:

1. No one will be granted access to the District's secure network unless a signed Responsible Use Policy form has been completed and returned to the District technology director.
2. Students may be issued District-owned devices for school use. If so, additional agreements will cover those specific devices. Those agreements will be in addition to this Responsible Use Policy.

3. Members of the public shall be allowed access to the District's public wireless network in designated locations if such use does not impose a tangible cost to the District and does not unduly burden the District's computer or network resources. Such access will be filtered by the District's Internet content filter.
4. Access to the District computer network and the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will have consequences. The District may suspend or revoke a user's access if identified as a security risk or upon violation of the District's Responsible Use Policy or campus device use agreement.
5. Monitoring of student Internet access and device use is the responsibility of all District staff.
6. Students completing course work will have first priority for use of District resources.
7. Students will have their accounts disabled effective on or after their withdrawal date.

DISCLAIMER

The District's system is provided on an "as is, as available" basis. The District does not make any warranties, whether express or implied, including, without limitation, those of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose with respect to any services provided by the system and any information or software contained therein. The District does not warrant that the functions or services performed by, or that the information or software contained on the system will meet the system user's requirements, or that the system will be uninterrupted or error-free, or that defects will be corrected.

Opinions, advice, services, and all other information expressed by system users, information providers, service providers, or other third party individuals in the system are those of the providers and not the District.

The District will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to misuse of the District's system.

Bridgeport Independent School District will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on this system. These damages include loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system or user errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the system is at your own risk. Bridgeport Independent School District specifically disclaims any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through its services.