

SECTION I

Authorization for Electronic Network Access and Technology Usage Charge

Students must have a parent/guardian read and agree to the following before being granted unsupervised access:

All use of the Internet shall be consistent with the District’s goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. **The failure of any user to follow the terms of the *Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks* will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.** The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

I have read this *Authorization* form. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, or Board members, for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the network. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child’s use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the *Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks* with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to the District’s electronic network, including the Internet.

I have read Sections II and III, and understand the rules of the computer usage. I agree to pay the technology usage charge.

Parent/Guardian Name (*please print*)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Students must also read and agree to the following before being granted unsupervised access:

I understand and will abide by the above, *Authorization for Electronic Network Access*. I understand that the District and/or its agents may access and monitor my use of the Internet, including my email and downloaded material, without prior notice to me. I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the District’s electronic network connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release the School District and its Board members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages arising from my use of, or inability to use the District’s electronic network, including the Internet.

I have read Section III, Technology Usage Charge, and agree to follow the rules of computer usage.

Student Name (*please print*)

Student Signature

Date

Instruction

SECTION II

Student Authorization for Electronic Network Access

This form accompanies Administrative Procedure 6:235-AP1, Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks. It must be signed when students will have unsupervised Internet access or when supervision will be minimal. Please submit this form to the Building Principal.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our School District has the ability to enhance your child's education through the use of electronic networks, including the Internet. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Students and their parents/guardians need only sign this *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* once while the student is enrolled in the School District.

The District *filters* access to materials that may be defamatory, inaccurate, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate in the school setting. If a filter has been disabled or malfunctions it is impossible to control all material and a user may discover inappropriate material. Ultimately, parents/guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow, and the School District respects each family's right to decide whether or not to authorize Internet access.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. The use of inappropriate material or language, or violation of copyright laws, may result in the loss of the privilege to use this resource. Remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions. If you agree to allow your child to have Internet access, sign the *Authorization* form and return it to your school.

Guidelines

Students will:

- **Use the Internet for appropriate educational research**
- **Use the Internet for appropriate communication between students, educational faculty, resource staff, and other professionals as needed**
- **Adhere to all district policies of conduct when using the Internet**
- **Conduct themselves in a positive manner reflecting the values of the student body, faculty, and the community while using the Internet**
- **Be aware that school personnel may review files and communications to insure proper use of the Internet**

Students will not:

- **Cause or contribute to the damage or modification of computer hardware, software, or data**
- **Access, display, or send written or graphic information which is obscene, inflammatory, derogatory, or offensive**
- **Plagiarize or violate copyright laws**
- **Access the work of others without proper permission**
- **Use the district's computer resources for commercial purposes**
- **Transmit personal information of others such as name, address, or phone number**

SECTION III

Parent/Guardian and Student Guide for Student Technology Usage Charge

Technology Usage Charge

The cost will be \$35 per year for students in grade K-2; \$75 per year for students in grade 3; and, \$95 per year for students in grades 4-8.

1. The charge is payable when the computer is assigned to the student or when registering.
2. A payment plan can be set up if student's parent/guardian is unable to pay the full cost up front.
3. Credit card payments will be accepted at www.bendist25.org , click on "Online Payments"
4. Should a student withdraw from school, a pro-rated refund can be issued provided the laptop is in operational order and in good condition.
5. Funds will be used to provide for the repair and maintenance of the computer software updates, technology-related items, and a one-time purchase of a backpack specially designed to protect the computer.
6. Benjamin School District 25 will provide a backpack for the computer's protection which must be used at **ALL** times while storing or transporting it.
7. Willful and deliberate damages to the computers will cause Benjamin School District 25 to charge the student/parent-guardian the full cost of the replacement or repairs of the computer.
8. All damage incidents will be investigated by administration.
9. The usage charge will **NOT** cover repairs from issues resulting from:
 - a. Damage resulting in broken screen.
 - b. Damage caused by accident abuse, misuse, flood, fire, earthquake, or other external cause.
 - c. Damage as a result of a pet.
 - d. Damage as a result of the violation of the rules (i.e. involving food, drink or other liquid on or near the laptop).
 - e. Damage as a result of negligence (i.e. the computer is placed in an unsafe location or position, misuse or laptop not handled properly, drop damage).
 - f. Damage caused by operating the product outside the permitted or intended uses described by the computer's manufacturer.
 - g. Damage caused by service performed by anyone who is not a representative of computer service provider.
 - h. Loaning your computer or charger to another student.
 - i. Leaving the laptop or charger unattended.
 - j. Damage resulting from removing any components of the laptop, such as the laptop cover.