

BLOUNT COUNTY SCHOOLS
INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY
FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS
(Please Read Before Signing This Document)

The board supports the right of staff and students to have reasonable access to various information formats and believes it is incumbent upon staff and students to use this privilege in an appropriate and responsible manner.

Students

The director of schools shall develop and implement procedures for appropriate Internet use by students. Procedures shall address the following:

1. General rules and ethics of Internet use.
2. Prohibited or illegal activities, including but not limited to:
 - Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
 - Using obscene language
 - Harassing, insulting, defaming or attacking others
 - Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
 - Hacking or attempting unauthorized access
 - Violation of copyright laws
 - Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
 - Intentional misuse of resources
 - Using another's password or other identifier (impersonation)
 - Use of the network for commercial purposes
 - Buying or selling on the Internet

INTERNET SAFETY MEASURES

Internet safety measures shall be implemented that effectively address the following:

- Controlling access by students to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web
- Safety and security of students when they are using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications
- Preventing unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities by students on-line
- Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding students
- Restricting students' access to materials harmful to them

The director of schools/designee shall establish a process to ensure the district's educational technology is not used for purposes prohibited by law or for accessing sexually explicit materials. The process shall include, but not be limited to:

- Utilizing technology that blocks or filters Internet access (for both students and adults) to material that is obscene, child pornography or harmful to students
- Monitoring on-line activities of students

E-MAIL

Users with network access shall not utilize district resources to establish electronic mail accounts through third party providers or any other nonstandard electronic mail system. All data including e-mail communications stored or transmitted on school system computers shall be monitored. Employees/students have no expectation of privacy with regard to such data. E-mail correspondence may be a public record under the public records law and may be subject to public inspection.

A written parental consent shall be required prior to the student being granted access to electronic media involving district technological resources. The required permission/agreement form, which shall specify acceptable uses, rules of on-line behavior, access privileges and penalties for policy/procedural violations, must be signed by the parent/legal guardian of minor students (those under 18 years of age) and also by the student. This document shall be executed each year and shall be valid only in the school year in which it was signed unless parent(s) provide written notice that consent is withdrawn. In order to rescind the agreement, the student's parent/ guardian (or the student who is at least 18 years old) must provide the director of schools with a written request.



STUDENT INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

I, _____ understand and will abide by the terms and conditions for Internet use. I further understand that any violation of the regulations found in Blount County Board of Education Policy 4.506 is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

User's Full Name (please print) _____

Grade _____

Date _____

As the parent/guardian of _____, I have read the terms and conditions for Internet Access. I understand that this is designed for educational purposes and the School System and the State Department of Education Office of Technology has taken available precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials available on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's Internet use is not in a school setting.

I hereby give permission for my child to access the Internet and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian (please print) _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____