

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

USD 357 BELLE PLAINE, KANSAS

A wide variety of technologies, Internet access and student email are available to students and staff of USD 357. The goal in providing access to this technology is to support the educational objectives and mission of the district and to facilitate students in becoming digital citizens.

Technology use and Internet access rely on the cooperation of users adhering to strict guidelines. These guidelines are set forth in this document so that all users are aware of the responsibilities they assume. If a user violates any of these guidelines, his/her use of the technology may be terminated. Signatures at the end of this document are binding and indicate that the signers have carefully read the terms and conditions and understand their significance.

District Responsibilities

USD 357 will provide filtered Internet access as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and USD 357 staff will make reasonable efforts to monitor student access and communications over the Internet.

Privacy is not a right of users of the network. The district may need to view contents of files, Internet logs or email in order to ensure proper use of the network, to diagnose and correct technical problems, or to assure compliance with laws and policies. Users should not expect privacy and will be monitored.

USD 357 is not responsible for loss of data, service interruptions, the accuracy of information obtained via the Internet or unavailable technology time – a student should not wait until a deadline is near to use the network for research or assignments.

USD 357 staff will educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, cyber bullying awareness and response, and safe usage of electronic communication.

Student Responsibilities

Student use of district technology and email should be in support of learning and educational research only.

Students will not communicate personal or private information through district electronic communications.

Student account names and passwords provided to each user are intended for the exclusive use of that person and are not to be shared.

All students are expected to treat technology equipment with care and respect.

Students should use good judgment while using school technologies.

It is a violation of the Acceptable Use Policy to:

Communicate personal or private information through district email account

Represent oneself as someone other than who they are, including using someone else's account number or password (i.e. "fraud" or "identity theft")

Create mailing lists for non-school purposes with district email addresses

Attempt to use and/or install any anonymizer/circumvention software

Play games without teacher approval.

Access, attempt to access or transmit information that is obscene, abusive, threatening or pornographic (If a user encounters a potentially inappropriate Internet site, address, home page or data source, the user is expected to immediately notify the nearest staff member and then terminate contact with such site or source.)

Use the network for financial gain; commercial, illegal, or political activity

Ignore copyright laws

Plagiarize (claiming another person's writings as your own)

Intentionally waste network resources

Engage in racist activities, hate mail, harassment, anti-social behaviors, cyber bully or other inappropriate online behavior

Use technology without the supervision of a staff member

Print from the Internet without approval of a staff member

Connect non-school equipment to the school network without approval (laptops, smartphones, tablets, etc.)

Participate in chat rooms, chain letters, or other activities not approved by the district

Install any software without prior approval of the Technology Director

Intentionally upload viruses, malware or spyware

Pirate district programs

Delete, change, view, or move files other than your own

Attempt or achieve unauthorized entry into systems or accounts

Use flash drives, disks or software from home without permission

Reconfigure or change setups in the computer system

Open files dangerous to the integrity of the network

Vandalize or misuse technology equipment

Exploit found vulnerabilities of district network or district supplied device(s)

STUDENT:

When using district technology:

- I will adhere to all rules of courtesy, etiquette, policies, guidelines, and laws regarding access and information as prescribed by federal, state, local laws and district policies.
- I understand and agree that any district issued email account or other communication medium will be used strictly for school-related educational purposes.
- I waive any right to privacy in my use of the Internet, electronic communications, files, folders and network use, and I consent to the access, monitoring and disclosure of my use of the Internet, email and network use by authorized USD 357 employees.

My signature below, and that of my parent, means that I have read and agree to follow the guidelines of the above Technology Acceptable Use Policy while using services provided by USD 357. Violations will result in disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action.

Printed Student name

Student signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

- As the parent/guardian of _____, I understand that technology is provided for educational purposes in keeping with academic goals and mission of USD 357.
- I recognize that USD 357 cannot monitor all of the information my child is accessing or downloading while in the classroom/library nor while away from school. The district will provide filtered Internet access within the school and will do its best to monitor student access. I agree not to hold USD 357, any of its employees, any institutions or networks providing access, responsible for the performance of the system or the content, costs, or material accessed through it.
- I understand that the district may need to view my child's contents of files, Internet logs or email in order to ensure proper use of the network, to diagnose and correct technical problems, or to assure compliance with laws and policies. I hereby give my permission for my child to use the Internet in the classroom/library and waive any right to privacy my child may have as to his/her use of the Internet, email and network. On behalf of my child, I consent to the access, monitoring and disclosure of my child's use of the Internet, electronic communications, folders, files and network use by authorized USD 357 employees.

My signature below, and that of my student, means that I have read and agree that my student will follow guidelines of the above Technology Acceptable Use Policy while using services provided by USD 357. Violations will result in disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action.

Printed Parent/Guardian name

Parent/Guardian signature

Date