Battiest Public School
Acceptable Internet Use Policy

Internet access is a privilege for students who respect and follow the Internet Usage Policy approved by the Administration and Board of Education of Battiest Public School. Our goal in providing this valuable tool to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in the district by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication spanning across the globe.

Battiest Public School will educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interactions in social chat rooms as well as cyber-bullying. Please be advised that with access to computers and people all over the world, there exists the potential that some material may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Although, our district follows CIPA rules to restrict access to controversial and inappropriate materials, it is virtually impossible on a global network to control all materials an industrious user may discover. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this world-wide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the Battiest Public School District.

I agree that the following actions (which are not inclusive) constitute ***unacceptable*** use of the Internet, whether that use is initiated from school or any other site:

1. Users may not use the District's private network to access material that is profane or obscene (pornography of any kind), that advocates illegal acts, or that advocates violence or discrimination towards other people (hate literature).
2. Users may not post personal information on the Internet about themselves or other people. Personal contact information includes address, telephone, school address, work address, pictures or video bites, clips, etc.
3. Students may not agree to meet with someone they have met on the Internet without their parent's approval and participation.
4. Users may not attempt to gain unauthorized access to any other computer system. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or access another person's files. These actions are illegal, even if only for the purposes of "browsing", "snooping", or "electronic discovery".
5. Users may not deliberately disrupt or harm hardware or systems, interfere with computer or network performance, interfere with another's ability to use equipment and systems, or destroy data.
6. Users may not use the District's private network to engage in illegal acts, such as arranging for a drug sale or the purchase of alcohol, engaging in criminal gang activity, threatening the safety of person, accessing or sharing unauthorized copyrighted music, movies, and other intellectual property, etc.
7. Users may not utilize peer-to-peer file-sharing applications or execute programs to facilitate the downloading or exchange of copyrighted or unauthorized music, movies, and other materials.
8. Users may not use the District's private network to solicit information with the intent of using such information to cause personal harm or bodily injury to another or others.
9. Users may not post information that could endanger an individual, cause personal damage or a danger of service disruption.
10. Users may not knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization.
11. Users may not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users.
12. Users may not indirectly or directly make connections that create "backdoors" to the District, other organizations, community groups, etc. that allow unauthorized access to the District's network, or utilize proxy sites to access blocked material.

13. Users may not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, hateful, threatening, or disrespectful language.
14. Users may not engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
15. Users may not harass/cyber-bully another person. Cyber-bullying is persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person, via electronic devices.
16. Users may not re-post a message that was sent to them privately without permission of the person who sent them the message.
17. Users may not forward or post chain letters or engage in "spamming". Spamming is sending an annoying or unnecessary message to a large number of people. Users will not install or reproduce unauthorized or unlicensed software on District resources.
18. Users may not plagiarize works that they find on the Internet or other resources.
19. Users may not use technology resources and Internet for private business activities or unreasonable personal use.
20. Users may not use the District's private network for political lobbying
21. Users may not participate in social networking while on school campus on sites such as My Space, Facebook, etc, unless approved by a teacher or administrator.
22. Students will not download files unless approved by their teacher.

Users also must assume responsibility for the following:

1. Users are responsible for the use of their individual access account(s) and should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use their account(s), including coworkers, friends, or family. Under no conditions should a user provide his/her password to another person.
2. Attempts to log on to the District's private network or any other network as a system administrator is prohibited.
3. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of violating this or any other Acceptable Use Policy may be denied access to the District's private network.
4. Users will avoid the inadvertent spread of computer viruses by following the School District virus protection procedures if they download software or share common file directory.
5. Users should immediately notify a teacher or system administrator of any possible security problem.
6. Students will promptly disclose to their teacher or other appropriate school employee any message received that is inappropriate

.Consequences of Internet Misuse:

The procedure for accidentally accessing an inappropriate website is to immediately turn off the monitor *only* and raise your hand. The teacher will then assist in resolving the problem. The consequences for not following the Acceptable Internet Use Policy are as follows:

1st Offense: Parents are called and Internet privileges will be revoked for the remainder of the school year.

2nd Offense: Parents are called and computer privileges across the entire campus will be revoked for the remainder of the school year.

These consequences will be fully enforced unless otherwise specified by the school principal or superintendent

Please be advised that use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Battiest Public School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its Internet connection. Battiest Public School is not responsible for loss of information or any damages suffered from Internet/Network use.

Student Permission Form
For Internet Use at Battiest Public School

Dear Parent or Guardian:

   Your child has requested access to the Battiest Public School Internet connection. The school district offers Internet access to all students given the written consent of a parent or guardian.

   The Internet is an international network of networks and is the communication and information highway of the future. Through the network, your student will have access to thousands of databases, libraries, and computer services from all over the world. Please note that the Internet is an association of diverse communication and information networks. Although the vast majority of the information found on the Internet is of educational value, it is possible that your child may run across areas of adult content and some material you might find objectionable. While we do not condone or encourage access to such material, it is not possible for us to prevent that access with 100% absolute guarantee. You, as a parent, must encourage your child to use the Internet in a responsible fashion in the same manner other media and resources are used.

Part of the school district's responsibility in preparing our students of the 21st century is to provide them access to the tools they will be using as adults. We believe that the use of this global information network is one of those tools. We accept the responsibility for informing your child about his/her role as a "network citizen" and the code of ethics involved with this new global community.

By signing this, I agree that I have read the Acceptable Use Policy of Battiest Public School. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I also recognize that employees of the school may not be able to restrict access to all controversial materials on the Internet. I will not hold the school responsible for materials my student acquires as a result of the use of the Internet from school facilities. I hereby give my permission to Battiest Public Schools to issue an Internet account for my child. I also accept full responsibility for my child using the Internet responsibly.

Parent of Guardian (please print)   Student Name (please print)

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Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

►*I also give permission to have my student's name and/or picture on the school website*

Parent or Guardian Signature:_____

<u>Student's Agreement:</u> I have read the Acceptable Use Policy of Battiest Public School and I understand and fully agree to abide by the principles and guidelines it contains.

Student Name (please print)   Student Signature

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Date Signed:_____