

## ACCEPTABLE USE

The Barnes County North School District believes Internet access plays an important role in the education of students; however, the Internet also contains content that is not appropriate for students and staff to access. In accordance with federal law, the District has taken reasonable precautions to restrict access to materials obscene, pornographic, and/or harmful to minors through the use of software designed to block sites containing inappropriate material. While the District has taken such preventive measures, it recognizes that it is not possible to fully guarantee that students and/or staff will never access objectionable materials.

### Education

The District shall provide education to students about appropriate online behavior, including online privacy and safety, interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

### Monitoring Use

Internet access is a privilege, not a right. Network storage areas shall be subject to the same scrutiny as school lockers for students. Staff and students shall have no reasonable expectation of privacy when using district computers and/or networks and shall use this technology solely for school-related purposes. Network administrators may view files and communications to maintain the integrity of the system and to ensure proper and responsible use of the system. Teachers and administrators will exercise supervision of student use.

### Prohibitions

All district network users shall abide by the policy as set forth by the Barnes County North school district and EduTech. The Superintendent or designee may take disciplinary measures when any of the following actions occur:

1. Using obscene language;
2. Accessing or creating pornographic files or sites and/or other inappropriate material;
3. Harassing, insulting, threatening, alarming, or attacking others;
4. Damaging or vandalizing computers, computer systems, or computer networks;
5. Violating copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other intellectual property laws;
6. Using or participating in chat lines, chat rooms, and social networking sites for personal and/or non-curricular purposes;
7. Using another's password or representing oneself as another;
8. Trespassing into another's folders, work, or files;
9. Intentionally wasting network resources including, but not limited to, emailing chain letters and/or broadcasting inappropriate messages;
10. Employing the network for political purposes as defined by state law, financial gain, and/or commercial purposes;

*We will keep this form on file as long as your child/children attend the BCN School District.  
We will only need you to fill this form out once per child/children.*

11. Revealing anyone's personal information such as, but not limited to, an address or phone number without appropriate consent. Students are prohibited from revealing personal information about themselves and/or others without obtaining written consent in accordance with the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act and receiving administrative approval;
12. Using VPN (virtual private network) connections.
13. Other activities or actions deemed inappropriate and not in the best interest of the District, its employees, and students.

**Violations**

Violations of this acceptable use policy or any applicable federal or state law, rule, or regulation may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for students or termination of employment for staff.

**Consent Signature:**

I have read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy. I agree to follow the policies.

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Please Print:    Last name        First Name

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Signature of Student/Staff

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Signature of Parent

Adopted:        2012

Amended: July 17, 2019