BANGOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMPUTER NETWORK/INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE
POLICY
(STUDENT)

The Bangor School District recognizes the importance of computer technology as an integral part of the teaching/learning process. The school’s information technology resources are provided for educational purposes. The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines for acceptable and appropriate use of the computer system. The computer system may include access to a menu of appropriate software related to specific subjects in the school curriculum, word/data processing, research tools, point-to-point communications, e-mail, wikies, podcasts, blogs, etc. The system will also allow access to the vast resources available on the Internet World Wide Web.

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in the classroom or the school hallway. Communications on the computer network are often public in nature. As a result, the general school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network that is provided by the Bangor School District is intended for research, to create documents, and enable communication. Independent access to the network is provided to those students that agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parents may deny access to minors by contacting the Building Principal in writing as to their wishes.

The Bangor School District makes no warranties of any kind that the function or services provided through the district’s computer system will be error free or without defect. The district and its employees will not be held responsible for loss of data or disruption of service. The district will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the district’s system. The district utilizes software and/or hardware to monitor online activity of students and to block/filter access to child pornography and other material that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. It is to be understood that the filter is not a foolproof tool in screening out unwanted information. The plain facts are that no approach will ever be successful in totally preventing children using the Internet from accidentally or intentionally accessing inappropriate material or coming into contact with a dangerous individual. Parents assume risks by consenting to allow their child to participate in the use of the Internet. Such risks are inherent with the use of the technology. Parents of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using the Internet. If a user inadvertently accesses material that is considered Prohibited or Restricted, he/she should immediately disclose the inadvertent access to school officials.

Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Users of the Bangor School District computer network have a limited privacy expectation in the contents of their personal files. Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. School and network administrators and their authorized employees monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that uses are secure and in conformity with this policy. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the school's information networks and devices in order to further the health, safety, discipline, or security of
any student or other person, or to protect property. They may also use this information in disciplinary actions, and will fully cooperate with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation related to any illegal activities conducted through the district’s system.

Use of the district’s computer network system is considered a privilege and not a right. Unacceptable uses of the network will result in restriction/suspension of privileges, or other disciplinary actions depending on the severity of the violation. All users of the system are expected to abide by the following guidelines to help insure that the system is not used for illegal, illicit, immoral or other inappropriate uses:

Students must
1. Respect and protect the privacy of others.
   - Use only assigned accounts.
   - Not view, use, or copy passwords, data, or networks to which they are not authorized.
   - Not distribute private information about others or themselves.
2. Respect and protect the integrity, availability, and security of all electronic resources.
   - Observe all network security practices, as posted.
   - Report security risks or violations to a teacher or network administrator.
   - Not destroy or damage data, networks, or other resources that do not belong to them, without clear permission of the owner.
   - Conserve, protect, and share these resources with other students and Internet users.
3. Respect and protect the intellectual property of others.
   - Not infringe copyrights (no making illegal copies of music, games, or movies!).
   - Not plagiarize.
4. Respect and practice the principles of community.
   - Communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful.
   - Report threatening or discomforting materials to a teacher.
   - Not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that violates the school's code of conduct (such as messages that are pornographic, threatening, rude, discriminatory, or meant to harass).
   - Not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that is illegal (such as obscenity, stolen materials, or illegal copies of copyrighted works).
   - Not use the resources to further other acts that are criminal or violate the school's code of conduct.
   - Not send spam, chain letters, or other mass unsolicited mailings.
   - Not buy, sell, advertise, or otherwise conduct business, unless approved as a school project.

PARENTS, PLEASE DISCUSS THESE RULES WITH YOUR STUDENT TO ENSURE HE/SHE UNDERSTANDS THEM.

THESE RULES ALSO PROVIDE A GOOD FRAMEWORK FOR YOUR STUDENT’S USE OF COMPUTERS AT HOME, AT LIBRARIES, OR ANYWHERE.
Student Name  _________________________________________________   Grade ________

Student Computer Network/Internet Access Consent Form

PARENT/GUARDIAN

I have read the Bangor School District’s Computer Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that Computer Network/Internet access is a privilege and not a right. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes. I hereby release the district and its personnel from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child’s use of, or inability to use, the district network computer system. I understand that the district’s filter is not a foolproof tool in screening out unwanted information. No approach will ever be successful in totally preventing children from accidentally or intentionally accessing inappropriate material or coming into contact with a dangerous individual. I further understand that any violation of this policy by my child will result in his/her access being restricted/suspended and may result in other disciplinary action. I understand that I may change my consent at any time by contacting the building principal in writing.

_____ I give my child permission to access the district network/internet system on an individual basis.

_____ I DO NOT give my child permission to access the district network/internet system on an individual basis.

Parent/Guardian’s Name (please print): __________________________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: ______________________________________ Date: __________

STUDENT

I have read the Bangor School District’s Computer Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy and agree to follow the rules contained in this policy. I understand that Computer Network/Internet access is a privilege and not a right. I understand that if I violate the rules, my access can be restricted/suspended and I may face other disciplinary measures.
Student Signature: _______________________________ Date: ___________