

## Students

### Computer and Internet Use

The Barkhamsted School provides computers, networks, and Internet access to support the educational mission of the school and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and school staff.

The Board of Education believes that the resources available through the Internet are of significant value in the learning process and preparing students for the future. At the same time, the unregulated availability of information and communication on the Internet requires that schools establish reasonable controls for lawful, efficient, and appropriate use of this technology.

Student use of school computers, networks, and Internet services is a privilege not a right. Students are required to comply with this policy and the accompanying rules. Students who violate the policy and/or rules may have their computer privileges revoked and may also be subject to further disciplinary and/or legal action.

The Barkhamsted School takes reasonable precautions to supervise student use of the Internet. All students will be supervised when accessing the Internet. Content filtering will be obtained through our Internet Service Provider. However, The Barkhamsted School cannot prevent all inappropriate uses, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside the school, in violation of Board of Education policies and school rules. The Barkhamsted School is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

All Barkhamsted School computers remain under the control and supervision of the school. The school reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers.

Students and parents shall be informed of this policy through the school's handbook and all students will receive a copy of the Student Computer and Internet Use Policy and Use Rules. Students and parents will be required to sign the Student Computer and Internet Agreement Contract prior to using The Barkhamsted School's Network.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and the accompanying rules and for advising the Board of Education of the need for any future amendments or revisions to the policy/rules.

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