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Student Acceptable Use and Bring Your Own Technology Agreement

Overview

The Board of Education recognizes access to technology will allow students to explore resources, exchange information and interact with individuals and groups throughout the world. Northern Burlington County Regional School District (NBCRSD) supports access by learners to these information sources but reserves the right to limit in-school use to materials appropriate for educational purposes.

NBCRSD also recognizes technology allows pupils access to information sources that have not been pre-screened by educators using Board approved standards. Pupils and their parent(s) or guardian(s) are advised that some systems may contain defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, or otherwise illegal material. The Board and the system administrators do not condone the use of such materials and do not permit usage of such materials in the school environment.

The Board therefore adopts the following standards of conduct for the use of computer networks and declares unethical, unacceptable, or illegal behavior as just cause for taking disciplinary action by limiting or revoking access to computer networks/computers, school or personal devices at any time, for any reason, and/or instituting legal action. School district personnel will monitor networks, online activity, and files stored on school devices, to maintain the integrity of the networks, ensure their proper use, and ensure compliance with Federal and State laws that regulate Internet safety.

Purpose

Online communication is critical to learning and practicing authentic 21st Century skills such as researching, blogging, casting, and discussing. NBCRSD will allow students to use personal technology devices in the classroom and has implemented Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) to provide opportunity and enhance student achievement through personalized learning by empower students to take control of their own learning. The BYOT program will support a learning environment that mirrors an off-campus world while maximizing instructional time. Available tools help to create collaboration and networking opportunities that better meet the learning styles and needs of students while improving the efficiency and effectiveness of instructional practices.

The NBCRSD has the right and responsibility to protect the school community, networks, and all of its technical resources. Thus, individuals accessing the NB networks with his/her personal device are required to adhere to the NBCRSD Board of Education Acceptable Use Policies (AUP). Permission to bring and use personally owned devices is contingent upon adherence to the school guidelines and policies.

Definitions

Technology: For purposes of BYOT, "Technology" is defined as a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic handheld device that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, tablets, e-books, cell phones, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.

User: Anyone (which includes employees, students, and guests) using Northern Burlington County Regional School District technology, including but not limited to, computers, networks, internet, email, chat rooms, and other forms of technology services or products.

Network: Wired and wireless technology networks including school and district networks, cellular networks, commercial, community or home-based wireless networks accessible to students.

Security

Responsibility to keep a device secure rests with the individual owner who keeps it with him or her at all times. NBCRSD is not liable for any device stolen or damaged on school property or on a school bus. If a device is stolen or damaged, immediately notify administration. It will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts in similar situations.

It is recommended that skins (decals), etchings, and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Utilize protective cases. Record the technology device's make, model, and serial number. Enable the device's GPS locator (if it is equipped with one) and password-protect the device. Do not share account/ access information with others. Always make sure your technology device is in a secure location.

Student Agreement

Students must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as Board policies #2363, #2360, #7523, and particularly Internet Acceptable Use Policy #2361. Additionally:

1. Devices must not be used in such a way as to disrupt the instructional process or create a disturbance by using the networks/devices for illegal, inappropriate or obscene purposes, or in support of such activities. This includes accessing/ distributing any obscene or harassing messages, language, visuals or pictures.
2. The use of an electronic device in a classroom is limited to teacher approved activity. Accessing non-educational games is not permitted. Students must comply with any staff request to store, shut down or close the device.
3. May not be used to cheat or gain an unfair advantage on assignments or assessments.
4. Respect the copyright, intellectual property rights, privacy, and personal rights of others. May not be used to record, transmit, or post images or video of a person on campus without the express permission of persons involved.
5. The use of Google Docs, Edmodo, Moodle, and other blogs, podcasts, and Web 2.0 tools are considered an extension of the classroom. Therefore any speech that is considered inappropriate in the classroom is also inappropriate in all uses of these tools.
6. While every effort is made to maintain accessible network services, NBCRSD is unable to guarantee network access at all times. Access is not provided to any NBCRSD wired network.
7. Student will not extend access to resources through the use of emulation, sharing, proxies, servers or any other method or mechanism, nor will any software be installed onto a school device.
8. NBCRSD is not responsible for any damage and/or loss incurred as a direct result, or otherwise, of any connection to any NBCRSD network and/or resource.

Students and Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s) acknowledge that:

1. District provided internet access will be through the district's filtered and secure wireless network. No attempt will be made to bypass this. Students who browse the internet using private cellular data networks are still expected to follow the AUP.
2. The device, to the best of your knowledge, is free from any spyware, viruses, malicious programs or contains content that is in violation of the Acceptable Use Policy.
3. The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected to be the source of an attack or virus infection. The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal device if there is a reason to believe that the student has violated the Board's policies, administrative procedures, school rules, or has engaged in other misconduct while using his/her personal device.
4. NBCRSD is not responsible for the care, maintenance, and upkeep of personal equipment.
5. Printing and accessing the student's school provide network folder from personal electronic devices will not be possible.
6. The personal electronic device will be charged nightly at home. In school charging will only be allowed on an emergency basis.

As a student, I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation of the above may result in the loss of my network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action. Violations of any Board of Education policies, administrative procedures or school rules involving a student's personally owned device or school device may result in the loss of use of the device in school and/or disciplinary action.

As a parent, I understand that my child will be responsible for abiding by the above policy and guidelines. I have read and discussed the guidelines with my child and understand the responsibility he or she has when in possession of a school or personal technology device.