

The use of the Internet provides great educational benefits to students. While some materials accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, or potentially offensive to some people, the Barbour County school system does not condone the use of such materials. Access to the Internet is provided as a privilege to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Barbour County Schools Policy 7600 requires that students and their parent/guardian read, accept, and sign the following agreement for acceptable use of technology equipment and resources.

- 1. 1. Students are responsible for proper behavior on the Internet just as they are in a school building. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.
- 2. Network and local data storage areas are not considered private. A network administrator may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure compliance with acceptable use policies. Users should not expect their files to be private.
- 3. Specific examples of unacceptable use from state and local policies include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Downloading, executing or viewing non-educational activities (e.g. games, music, videos, shopping, messaging)
 - b. Downloading, uploading and/or executing malicious code (e.g. viruses, trojans, worms, macros, etc.)
 - c. Unauthorized installation or willful altering of software, setup preferences, security or other system settings
 - d. Corrupting, destroying, deleting or manipulating system data with malicious intent
 - e. Creating, storing, transmitting or viewing materials of a violent, sexual, racist, obscene or other offensive nature
 - f. Cyber bullying, hate mail, defamation, harassment of any kind, discriminatory jokes/remarks and other unauthorized uses as referenced in local, state, or national policies and laws
 - g. Employing the network, equipment or technology resources for commercial or unauthorized purposes
 - h. Using school equipment or resources in any manner that violates any law or state/district policy
 - i. Violating copyright laws
 - j. Misrepresenting an individual's identity or sources of communication or data (e.g. plagiarism, language translators)
 - k. Using another's logon/password to gain unauthorized access to email, electronic folders, files or online resources
 - 1. Providing your logon/password to another to gain unauthorized access to secure network resources
 - m. Unsupervised or unauthorized participation in chat rooms, wikis or blogs
 - n. Connecting any computer or other device to the network without the consent of the network administrator
 - o. Unauthorized or improper publishing to district or school websites
 - p. Unauthorized disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal information about yourself or others
 - q. Using personal electronic/communications devices in violation of Barbour County Schools Policy 7600 NOTE - Neither Barbour County Schools nor the West Virginia Department of Education will be held responsible for damages to personal devices as a result of accessing school data networks.
- 4. Violation of this agreement may result in the loss of computer privileges. Disciplinary and/or legal actions may be taken that could result in monetary compensation to the district for equipment or services required to correct issues resulting from any violation of this agreement.
- 5. All users of computer equipment and resources are required to abide by Barbour County Schools Policy 7600 and West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2460. Copies of these policies are maintained in district and school offices and links to these policies are available from the district website at: http://www.wvschools.com/barbourcountyschools/
- 6. Schools or departments may develop additional acceptable use measures as appropriate. Any additional measures must be listed on the backside of this page, and are therein incorporated as a part of this agreement for that school or department.

I am aware that policies may be modified at any time by governing boards, but that any such modification will be communicated to users in a timely manner. I have read this agreement for acceptable technology usage and agree to comply with all policies and rules. I understand that any violation of policy or rules may result in the loss of technology use.

Student Signature

Date

As the parent or legal guardian of the Grade 3-12 student signing above, I grant permission for this student to access networked computer services such as e-mail and the Internet. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for providing guidance to the above student on Internet use, both inside and outside of school including the setting and conveying of standards to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

_ Date ____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL ASAP. THANK YOU.