

STUDENTS (GRADES 4-12) NETWORK ACCEPTABLE USE

Rationale/Philosophy

The Rosendale-Brandon School District (RBSD) believes that electronic communication is a tool for life-long learning, and that access to technology and information promotes educational and organizational excellence.

Internet Safety Policy

Students should use the Internet in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with the mission of the school district. The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, which may be revoked at any time for inappropriate behavior. Users assume responsibility for understanding the policy and guidelines as a condition of using the RBSD network.

Internet users are encouraged to develop uses that meet their individual needs and to take advantage of the network's many useful functions. Students will utilize the Internet for educational purposes during the school day. Use of the Internet as entertainment will be restricted. Although students will be supervised when they use the Internet and the RBSD utilizes the WiscNet filter, this does not guarantee that students will never access inappropriate materials. Students should report inappropriate access of material to a teacher or other staff member immediately, so that the adult can relay the information to the district technology coordinator. The technology coordinator will address the problem with WiscNet. Parents are encouraged to discuss responsible use of the Internet with their children both at school and at home.

Monitoring

Student users of the RBSD network and e-mail must be aware that information accessed, created, sent, received or stored on the network is not private. It is subject to review by the network administrator. The network administrator may investigate complaints regarding e-mail and personal files that may contain inappropriate or illegal material.

The content on the RBSD Internet and Intranet sites shall be consistent with the purposes of supporting and enhancing learning and teaching that prepares students for success. In addition to the educational purposes of the sites, they may also include information about the district and function as a communication tool linking all stakeholders; i.e., students, professional staff, support staff, students' families, school district administrators, and district residents.

Students who publish RBSD web pages should use criteria appropriate to selecting material that enriches the learning environment. In addition to applying the principles used to establish a rich educational environment, web page content should be designed to reflect the following:

- Authority
- Accuracy
- Objectivity

The district technology coordinator will determine whether the proposed page reflects these criteria.

Impermissible Use of and Access to Computers, Peripherals, and Networks (Voice/Video/Data)

- Violation of School Board Policy, District Administrative Rules, or any provision in the school's student handbook.
- Transmission of any material in violation of any local, state, or federal law. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted materials, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
- The use of profanity, obscenity or other language that may be offensive to another user.
- Any form of vandalism, including but not limited to, damaging computers, computer systems, or networks, and/or disrupting the operation of the network.
- Copying and/or downloading commercial software or other material (e.g. music) in violation of federal copyright laws.
- Use of the network for financial gain, commercial activity, or illegal activity (e.g., hacking).
- Use of the network to access pornographic or obscene material.
- Creating and/or placing a computer virus on the network.
- Accessing another person's individual account without prior consent or accessing a restricted account without the prior consent of the responsible administrator or teacher. The person in whose name an account is issued is responsible at all times for its proper use. Passwords should never be shared with another person and should be changed frequently.
- Attempting to obtain, modify, or replace computers, infrastructure, components or software for the purpose of compromising the integrity of computers and networks for any unauthorized activity

Copyright & Plagiarism

Adherence to federal copyright law is required in both the print and the electronic environments. All network users will adhere to the provisions of Public Law 94-553 and subsequent federal legislation and guidelines related to the duplication and/or use of copyrighted materials. RBSD network users are permitted copying specifically allowed by copyright law, fair use guidelines, license agreements or proprietor's permission. The following are not permitted:

- Using network resources to commit plagiarism.
- Unauthorized use, copying, or forwarding of copyrighted material.
- Unauthorized installation, use, storage, or distribution of copyrighted software.

Violations of this policy may result in the loss of computer and/or technology privileges within the discretion of the building administrator and/or his/her designee. Restitution may be required.

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Please sign this page and return it to your child's school.

STUDENT SECTION

I have read and understand the Computer Network Student Acceptable Use Policy. I agree to follow the rules and etiquette described in this policy. I understand that if it is determined that I have not adhered to the Student's Network Acceptable Use Policy, my computer network account will be terminated and I may face other disciplinary actions as determined by the school administration or the school board.

Student name (please print) _____

Student signature _____ Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SECTION

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read and understand the following policies:

- Computer Network Student Acceptable Use Policy
- Internet Safety and Social Media Guidelines for Students
- Cyber Bullying Policy

I understand that the computer network will be used for educational purposes. I am aware that the school district will take reasonable precautions to eliminate access to inappropriate material. I also recognize that due to the nature of the Internet and even with the presence of a filter, it is impossible to absolutely restrict access to all objectionable material. I agree to hold harmless the District, its officers and employees for materials acquired by the student on the internet. I acknowledge that my child directs what information is selected for viewing and that s/he is solely responsible for her/his choices. I hereby give permission to the District Technology Coordinator to issue a network account for my child and certify that the information I have given here is correct. I understand that my child's picture and first name may appear on the district web site, and I grant permission for her/his image to appear in school videotapes.

Parent/Guardian name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

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