



Buffalo Public School System Acceptable Use Policy for Technology *Student/Community Member*

The Buffalo Public School System makes available a variety of technological resources to support learning and enhance instruction. The district's goal is to provide access to technology tools to facilitate resource sharing, innovative instructional opportunities, and communication.

The users (defined as any student or community member utilizing a district computer) of these tools assume certain responsibilities, including the use of technology in an ethical manner.

POLICY GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER NETWORKS IN SCHOOLS:

The district encourages students to use computers and technology available in the Buffalo Public School System; however, with these privileges comes responsibility. Users are expected to:

Respect the privacy of others.

- Users will not try to learn passwords of other users or network administrators.
- Users will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to networked or stand alone systems.
- Users will not modify or read files of other individuals; however, it should be noted that network system managers have access to all files. Privacy shall not be assumed.

Respect the legal protection provided by copyright and license to programs and data.

- Users will not make copies of licensed programs, in violation of copyright laws.
- Users will not install their own software on district computers without authorization.

Respect the integrity of every computer and of the Buffalo Public School Networks and other networks to which the district is connected.

- Users will not intentionally develop or use programs to harass others or infiltrate a computing system or damage or alter the software components or network.
- Users will not intentionally send inappropriate, obscene or hateful messages/mail to others.
- Users will not copy or modify server or network system files.
- Users will not abuse computer or network hardware. (i.e. mice, keyboards, etc.)
- Users will not block access (use encryption programs) on district computers without authorization.

Respect the materials and resources of the Buffalo Public School System.

- Users will not play unauthorized games on district computers.
- Users will not use the district's computer resources for non-academic activities.
- Users will properly utilize computer time and will not waste limited resources or supplies that are provided by the Buffalo Public School System.
- Users will work in ways that will not disturb others.

Respect the materials and resources of Internet accounts.

- Users will not send or receive offensive material over the internet.
- Users will not use obscene, offensive, harassing, insulting, or otherwise abusive language over the Internet or on e-mail.

A violation of the Acceptable Use Policy for Technology may result in the loss of computer privileges. It may also result in school discipline for students.

I have read and understand the above Acceptable Use Policy for Technology:

Signature

Date