
7540.03 – BREVARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY

Advances in telecommunications and other related technologies have fundamentally altered the ways in which information is accessed, communicated, and transferred in our society. Such changes are driving the need for educators to adapt their means and methods of instruction, and the way they approach student learning, to harness and utilize the vast, diverse, and unique resources available on the Internet. The District is pleased to provide Internet services to its students. The District encourages students to utilize the Internet in order to promote educational excellence in our schools by providing them with the opportunity to develop the resource sharing, innovation, and communication skills and tools which will be essential to life and work. The instructional use of the Internet will be guided by the Board's policy on instructional materials.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting computers and users in the District with computers and users worldwide. Access to the Internet enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards, while exchanging messages with people throughout the world. Access to such an incredible quantity of information and resources brings unique challenges.

First, and foremost, the District may not be able to technologically limit access to services through the District's Internet connection to only those that have been authorized for the purpose of instruction, study, and research related to the curriculum. Unlike in the past when educators and community members had the opportunity to review and screen materials to assess their appropriateness, access to the Internet, because it serves as a gateway to any publicly available file server in the world, will open classrooms and students to electronic information resources which have not been screened by educators for use by students of various ages.

The District has implemented technology protection, utilizing software and hardware measures which monitor, block, and filter Internet access to visual displays that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. Nevertheless, parents/guardians are advised that a determined user may be able to gain access to services on the Internet that the Board has not authorized for educational purposes. In fact, it is impossible to guarantee students will not gain access through the Internet to information and communications that they and/or their parents/guardians may find inappropriate, offensive, objectionable, or controversial. **Parents/Guardians assume risks by consenting to allow their child to participate in the use of the Internet.** Parents/Guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using the Internet.

Pursuant to Federal law, students shall receive education about the following:

- A. safety and security while using e-mail, chat rooms, social media, and other forms of electronic communications;
- B. the dangers inherent with the online disclosure of personally identifiable information; and,
- C. the consequences of unauthorized access (e.g., "hacking") cyberbullying and other unlawful or inappropriate activities by students online

Site managers are responsible for providing training so that Internet users under their supervision are knowledgeable about this policy and its accompanying procedures. The Board expects that staff members will provide guidance and instruction to students in the appropriate use of the Internet. All Internet users (and their parents if they are minors) are required to sign a written agreement annually, or at the time of enrollment to abide by the terms and conditions of this policy and its accompanying procedures.

Students and staff members are responsible for good behavior on the District's computers and the Internet just as they are in classrooms, school hallways, and other school premises and school sponsored events. Communications on the Internet are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communication apply. The Board does not sanction any use of the Internet that is not authorized by or conducted strictly in compliance with this policy and its accompanying procedures.

Students shall not access social media for personal use from the District's network, but shall be permitted to access social media for educational use in accordance with their teacher's approved plan for such use.

Users who disregard this policy and its accompanying procedures may have their use privileges suspended or revoked, and disciplinary action taken against them. Users granted access to the Internet through the District's computers assume personal responsibility and liability, both civil and criminal, for uses of the Internet not authorized by this Board policy and its accompanying procedures.

The Board designates the Superintendent as the administrators responsible for initiating, implementing, and enforcing this policy and its accompanying procedures as they apply to the use of the Internet for instructional purposes.

F.S. 1001.43, 1001.51, H.R. 4577, P.L. 106-554, Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000
P.L. 110-385, Title II, Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act
47 U.S.C. 254(h),(1), Communications Act of 1934, as amended
20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq., Part F, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended
20 U.S.C. 6777, 9134 (2003), 18 U.S.C. 2256, 18 U.S.C. 1460, 18 U.S.C. 2246

STUDENT INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE – OPT OUT

My signature below indicates my request for “Internet” and “Web Posting of my Child’s Work”. “Internet” is considered access to “Internet Resources” other than District and State approved applications such as “FAIR Testing”. The choices selected will remain effective until submission of a new form revoking this request.

Please complete the following information:

Student User's Full Name (please print): _____

DOB: ___/___/___ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read the Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy (7540.03) and Procedures (7540.03) and have discussed them with my child. I understand that my child’s access to the Internet will be restricted but local “intranet” access will be available. Please circle "No" below for any area that you do not authorize for your child.

Not circling below noted items indicates PERMISSION IS GRANTED.

Yes No I authorize my child's access to non-District sponsored internet access.

Yes No I authorize and license District staff to post my child's class work on the Internet without infringing upon any copyright my child may own with respect to such class work. I understand only my child's first name may accompany such class work.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

AT HOME INTERNET USE

I understand that it is my duty as a parent to monitor student Internet use on any device provided by Royal Palm Charter School. I understand that the security filters applied to the school network do not apply at home and therefore my child could access inappropriate information. Any misuse of the device at home is the responsibility of the parent, not Royal Palm Charter School.