

Acceptable Technology Use, Procedures, Rights, and Responsibilities

We believe everyone deserves a safe, supportive, and orderly learning environment.

Boone County Schools recognizes that access to technology in school gives students greater opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, and develop skills that will prepare them for work, life, and citizenship. We are committed to helping students develop 21st century skills. We provide access to technologies for students, staff, and parents for educational purposes. While the District will make every effort to prevent inappropriate use, it is impossible to filter all inappropriate content. Students, staff, and parents are expected to adhere to the procedures and guidelines outlined in this Acceptable Technology Use document and the Boone County Board of Education Acceptable Use Policy (08.2323) when using district/school provided technology or personally-owned technology on district property.

Roles and Responsibilities of Students

Technology and network access is intended solely to support educational goals and instruction. Students are expected to use resources responsibly and will be held accountable for their behavior and communications. All communications, data, and files stored or transmitted via the district resources may be reviewed and/or removed.

Roles and Responsibilities of Staff

The use of technology requires all users to be safe and responsible digital citizens. The schools and District utilize the following strategies to help keep users safe:

- Schools provide Internet safety and digital citizenship instruction each year.
- Teachers and staff actively monitor technology use in the classroom.
- Internet access will be filtered as required by state and federal regulations and school policies. Internet activity may be monitored and recorded at any time.
- Network and school administration may review files and communications to ensure appropriate use.

Roles and Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians

- Partner with the District to teach students to use technology safely and appropriately.
- Model appropriate use of technology resources and accounts, including maintaining data privacy.

Examples of Acceptable Use Include (but are not limited to):

- Use the provided school network account in an ethical, responsible, and legal manner for school related tasks that are consistent with the educational objectives of the Boone County Schools.
- Maintain the privacy of personal information such as name, address, phone number, account passwords, social security numbers, and respect the privacy of others.
- Use online/network resources (including email) as instructed and for educational purposes.
- Store and share only appropriate student work and instructional media in provided storage spaces.
- Use school and/or personal technology only at approved times for educational purposes.

Examples of Unacceptable Use Include (but are not limited to):

- Access, send, and/or willfully receive any content that is inappropriate, offensive, harassing, or profane in nature or that which promotes violence or illegal activity.
- Willfully waste limited resources or use them for non-academic purposes - (file storage, printing, bandwidth).
- Use or share another person's username or password, or share your username and password with others.
- Compromise the network and its settings in any way - (hacking, spamming, proxy bypass, etc.)
- Use the school network for personal gain, entertainment, political promotion, or activities unrelated to school.
- Violate copyright laws or commit plagiarism including the copying of software, music, or other copyright protected files.
- Intentionally damage or steal district or personal technology-related property.

- Engage in cyberbullying, harassment, or disrespectful conduct toward others.
- Record, transmit, or post images/sound/video of a person or persons during school activities and/or hours, unless otherwise directed by a teacher for a specific educational purpose.
- Teachers friending and/or following students on social media used for personal purposes.
- Obtain network/Internet/program access using another user's personal login credentials.

Personally Owned Devices

Students meeting building requirements and having a signed Acceptable Use Form (this document) may be allowed to connect their personally-owned devices to the district provided Internet. Internet access via the district network will be filtered, monitored, and will require students to log in using their district credentials. Parents/Guardians are responsible for what students may access through any non-district wi-fi or cellular connections. The District is not responsible for service, support, damage to, or loss of personal devices. Students are expected to use devices for educational purposes and only with consent of school staff.

Online Activity

Internet-based resources that can enhance educational activities are growing in number each day. The District may provide access to sites or tools that support communication and collaboration with others in addition to general productivity. Students are reminded to communicate appropriately and safely via these resources and that communication may be monitored. **Use of any website outside of the district's control is subject to their terms of use and may require specific permission in addition to the Acceptable Use Form (this document).**

Violations of the Acceptable Use Policy

Upon enrollment, all students will have access to a user account, where they will be given network access, an email account, and network storage space. Students who violate the Acceptable Use Policy (08.2323) or the Telecommunication Devices Policy (09.4261) are subject to disciplinary action per the Code of Conduct.

Consent for Use

By signing this form, you hereby accept and agree that your child's rights to use the electronic resource provided by the District and/or the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in District policy/procedure. Please also be advised that data stored in relation to such services is managed by the District pursuant to policy 08.2323 and accompanying procedures. You also understand that the e-mail address provided to your child can also be used to access other electronic services or technologies that may or may not be sponsored by the District, which provide features such as online storage, online communications and collaborations, and instant messaging. Use of those services are subject to either standard consumer terms of use or a standard consent model. Data stored in those systems, where applicable, may be managed pursuant to the agreement between KDE and designated service providers or between the end user and the service provider. Before your child can use online services, he/she must accept the service agreement and, in certain cases, obtain your consent.