

## **Blue Valley Acceptable Use of Technology Policy**

### **Intended Use of Technologies**

Technologies are for the educational benefit of students. Student use of technology services and equipment for purposes other than educational without administrative approval may be restricted or permanently revoked.

**Blue Valley School District Rights and Responsibilities** The district, as an education provider, has the responsibility to (a) help students to develop information skills necessary for successful educational use of technologies, (b) develop student skills necessary for the appropriate and responsible use of technologies, and (c) integrate the use of technologies with approved curricula and educational activities.

When unacceptable or inappropriate use of technologies on the part of the student does occur, the district will take appropriate disciplinary action and will notify parents\guardians and other officials as warranted. In order to ensure the security of district information resources, including confidential student files and personnel files, the district may restrict access to technologies and reserves the right to access student electronic files and account information on district owned computers.

School and or district officials may read, examine, or inspect the contents of any personal device or district device upon reasonable suspicion that the contents or recent utilization/activity of the device contains evidence of a violation of these or other rules and policies, as well as any local, state, or federal laws.

### **Student Rights and Responsibilities**

Student use of technologies is a privilege intended for the educational benefit of the student. Students must comply with the terms of these guidelines, any applicable district Board policies, administrative guidelines, and operating procedures relative to the use of technologies. In using technologies, the student will

- A) respect the rights of privacy of other students and district personnel;
- B) remember that all student communications represent the district and thus reflect on the integrity, ethics, and good name of the district as a K-12 public education institution;
- C) apply the same standards of behavior, conduct, and courtesy as are expected in the school, classroom, or other district setting;
- D) comply with all laws, Board policies, and administrative guidelines regarding the use of copyrighted materials;
- E) not seek unauthorized access to school, district, other public, or private computer networks, computers, or electronic files for any purpose; and
- F) comply with any and all related Board policies, administrative guidelines, and operating procedures relative to acceptable and responsible use.
- G) cooperate with building and district administrators if an incident of inappropriate use has been reported or suspected.
- H) utilize district provided Wi-Fi networks, and adhere to all district policies and settings, as designated and governed by CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act).

### **Unacceptable and Inappropriate Use**

The following forms of use of technologies are unacceptable and inappropriate and will be considered violations of Board policy and administrative guidelines. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not necessarily limited to, temporary or permanent loss of use or access. For example, it is unacceptable\inappropriate for students to

- A) create, copy, knowingly distribute, or post a computer virus;

- B) send messages using someone else's name or provide personal information about another individual;
- C) send messages that are inconsistent with school rules; D) send a message that is sexist, racist, or otherwise prejudicial or inflammatory;
- E) send messages or download files that knowingly contain obscene language, graphics, pictures, or attached graphics files, either encoded/encrypted or un-encoded/de-crypted;
- F) send chain letter-type messages that are not related to coursework;
- G) engage in online chat sessions that are not related to coursework;
- H) lend his/her account and/or password to other students and/or adults;
- I) use obscene, harassing or abusive language on-line;
- J) violate copyright laws;
- K) publicize his/her home address or phone number;
- L) attempt to log-in to district computer networks or Wi-Fi networks as a network administrator;
- M) vandalize or otherwise destroy data of another user;
- N) access or attempt to access any part of the district computer networks or any part of a sub-system of the Internet without proper authorization;
- O) plagiarize the work of others in completing school assignments;
- P) use technologies in any way that violates school rules, administrative guidelines, Board policies or procedures, state statutes, local ordinances, or other laws;
- Q) access websites that contain obscene language; graphics, pictures or offensive or inappropriate content.

### **Consequences of Unacceptable Use**

Students violating these guidelines or other administrative guidelines or Board policies relating to acceptable use of technologies will be subject to any and all applicable disciplinary measures. Possible disciplinary measures may include, but is not limited to, temporary or permanent loss of use of district provided Wi-Fi networks or computers.