

Boscobel School District
Computer Network, Internet, and E-mail
Acceptable Use Policy/Agreement
2022-2023 School Year

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Boscobel Area School District is pleased to offer Internet and Electronic mail (E-mail) access to our students and teachers. We believe the Internet offers valuable, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Part of our responsibility in preparing students for the 21st century is to provide them access to the tools they will be using as adults. With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. **It is important that you read this letter and the enclosed *Computer Network, Internet, and E-mail Acceptable Use Policy/Agreement* and discuss them with your child.**

With access to computers and people worldwide not all information on the Internet is of educational value in the context of the school setting. Families should be warned that some material obtained via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, derogatory, inaccurate, potentially offensive or not in accordance with your family values. With the Children's Internet Protection Act of December 2000 & the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act of 2008, the Boscobel School District has taken the following precautions to restrict access to controversial materials:

- We subscribe to filtered Internet service and block inappropriate web sites as needed.
- Each year, prior to use of computers, students grades K-12 must return this signed AUP "Acceptable Use Policy" agreement.
- Students grades K-12 will receive continuous internet safety instruction which includes personal safety, cyber security and cyber ethics including **CYBER BULLYING**.
- Students will be supervised while using the computers and Internet in the classroom and computer labs.

Even with these precautions, it is impossible to control access to all materials on the Internet and an industrious user may discover controversial information, either by accident or deliberately.

Boscobel Schools still firmly believe the benefits of online access for our students far outweighs the risk. We encourage you to take this opportunity to discuss personal expectations with your child and how your family values should guide their activities while they are on the Internet.

In order for your child to be able to use the Computer Network, Internet or E-mail, you must fill out and sign the parent/guardian consent section below.

Please contact Ms. Schmid at the Elementary or Mr. Schroeder at the Middle/High School, if you have any questions or concerns.

Elementary: 375-4165 or schmdane@boscobel.k12.wi.us

Middle/High School: 375-4161 or schrpete@boscobel.k12.wi.us

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The purpose of this agreement is to ensure network resources used by students and staff are consistent with our stated mission, goals, and objectives. Any use outside of this definition may result in the loss of District technology privileges, school disciplinary action, legal action or compensation for damages to school property. To gain access to the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. If a user violates any of the provisions below, their account will be suspended or terminated and future access could be denied:

Computer Network / Internet Use - Terms and Conditions

1) The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to abide by the rules of network etiquette and conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner while online. The Boscobel ES or MS/HS handbook can be used as a general guide.

2) Network access is a privilege not a right. Inappropriate use will result in a suspension or cancellation of network privileges. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Building faculty and staff may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts:

- Users are not permitted to transmit, receive, submit, or publish any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive, or illegal material. If you accidentally find a web page that is inappropriate for school, you need to notify your teacher or the system administrator immediately. Failure to do so may result in your network privileges being suspended.
- Physical or electronic tampering with computer resources is not permitted. Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks intentionally will result in cancellation of privileges as well as other disciplinary action as may be necessary.
- Users must respect all copyright laws that protect software owners, artists and writers. Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated. This includes downloading, copying/pasting and/or printing copyrighted material.
- Using someone else's password or trespassing in another's folders, work, or files is prohibited. Attempts to logon to the network as anyone but yourself may result in cancellation of user privileges.
- Users will not participate in any form of computer hacking or other unlawful activities.
- Online Gaming that reflects **VIOLENCE** of any kind **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** even if deemed educational. Online games are to be of **Educational Value only and Violence Free**.
- Students with school e-mail accounts need to use the e-mail system responsibly. The e-mail system is for educational use, not for personal communication.

3) Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem in the school's computers, network, or Internet connection, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to others.

4) Boscobel Area School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District assumes no responsibility or liability of damages a user may suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, miss-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the District's own negligence or student/staff errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. The Boscobel School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through online services.

5) All communication and information accessible or stored on our School District's computer resources are NOT private property. The Boscobel School District's staff may review files and messages to insure that users are using the system responsibly. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities. Furthermore, staff has access to all students' files through their own network account.

Violations

Violations will result in a loss of Computer Network, Internet access, and/or E-mail use, as well as other disciplinary or legal action as appropriate. Users are considered subject to all local, state, and federal laws.

Consequences of violations:

Internet Violations (for example; inappropriate use of Internet or e-mail)

1st Internet/E-Mail violation will result in a two-week restriction of Internet/E-Mail privileges.

2nd Internet/E-Mail violation will result in a four-week restriction of Internet/E-Mail privileges.

3rd Internet/E-Mail violation will result in a nine-week restriction of Internet/E-Mail privileges.

4th Internet/E-Mail violation will result in the student's Internet/E-Mail privileges being restricted for the remainder of the school year.

Students with restricted access to the Internet will only be able to visit sites that have been pre-selected by teachers and while in a classroom setting.

Network Violations (for example; using someone else's login or irresponsible use of resources)

1st Violation will result in a two-week suspension of Computer Network privileges.

2nd Violation will result in a four-week suspension of Computer Network privileges.

3rd Violation will result in a nine-week suspension of Computer Network privileges.

4th Violation will result in an eighteen-week suspension of Computer Network privileges.

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Parent/Guardian Consent Section

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

As the parent or legal guardian of _____ a minor student,
I _____ grant permission for access to networked computer services such as Internet and electronic mail. I understand that the districts computing resources are designed for educational purposes, and the Boscobel School District does supervise the Internet. I am also aware the school district DOES NOT have control over the information on the Internet, some material might be objectionable to some people. I will not hold Boscobel School District's responsible for materials acquired on the network. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date: _____