

Acceptable Use of Technology Systems Policy (AUP)

Students:

The West Baton Rouge Parish School Board is pleased to offer students access to the School Board's technology systems and networks, including but not limited to the Internet. Should a parent/guardian desire to prohibit their child's access to the internet, the responsibility rests on the parent/guardian to properly execute the Denial of Permission form located in the front of the Student Handbook. If the school does not receive the Denial of Permission form, parental permission to use the technology systems of the School Board will be assumed, and this permission shall include access to the internet and email systems, permission to publish student work to classroom websites, and permission to have unidentified photos of the student published to classroom websites.

Use of the School Board's technology systems and networks, including but not limited to the Internet, will allow students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, inappropriate or potentially offensive to some people. While the intent is to make the School Board's technology systems and networks, including but not limited to the Internet, available to further technology educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. Filtering software is in use to block access to materials that are inappropriate, offensive, obscene, or pornographic. However, no filtering system is capable of blocking 100% of the inappropriate material available on the Internet.

The School Board and its staff believe that the benefits to students from use of the School Board's technology systems and networks, including but not limited to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for sharing, exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of students are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the School Board supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to give permission for the use of the School Board's technology systems and networks, including but not limited to the Internet.

I have read the rules of the School Board's technology systems and networks, including but not limited to the Internet, which are stated below and I will ask my parent/guardian or an adult at my school if I do not understand what any of them mean.

1. Users must demonstrate honesty, integrity, and respect for others at all times. Appropriate manners and language are required.
2. No photographs, personal addresses, personal phone numbers, or last names will be permitted in student use of the Internet.
3. Illegal activities, including copyright or contract violations, shall not be permitted. The Internet may not be used for financial or commercial gain. Do not make copies of any copyrighted materials, programs or software.
4. Threatening, profane, or abusive messages are forbidden.
5. No activities are allowed which may damage or interrupt equipment usage or any networking system.
6. Any attempt to alter, harm or destroy the data of another user of the Internet, or any network on the Internet is forbidden.
7. No user is permitted to upload, or create a computer virus on the Internet or any networking system.
8. Resources offered by the Internet and paid for by the Board may not be willfully wasted.
9. The network is provided for students to conduct research, complete assignments, and communicate with others. Access is a privilege, not a right and entails responsibility.
10. Invading the privacy of another user, or using their account, is forbidden.
11. Posting personal messages without the author's consent is forbidden.
12. Sending or posting anonymous messages is forbidden.
13. Perusing, or otherwise accessing, or viewing, obscene or pornographic material, or using profanity in messages is expressly forbidden.
14. Product advertising, political lobbying, or sending messages involving illegal activities are not permitted. Any such use shall be reported to the teacher when evidence of such is encountered on the Internet.
15. Any subscriptions to list servers, bulletin boards, or online services must be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee and the teacher prior to any such usage.
16. When a security problem is detected, it shall be reported immediately to the teacher. The problem shall not be demonstrated to other users.
17. Suspension shall automatically result for a user who accesses, sends, receives or configures electronically any profane or obscene language or pictures.
18. Use or posting of information related to the school, school staff, students, use images of the school, the school logo, initials or seal, in any form on the Internet or in any form of electronic communication without specific written permission of the Superintendent and/or his/her designee shall be prohibited. The posting of any such information on any website, bulletin board, chat room, email, or other messaging system without permission, or the posting or transmission of images or information in any format related to the school, staff, or students that are defamatory, abusive, pornographic, or which could be construed as threatening or impugning the character of another person is prohibited.
19. Students who violate this policy will face disciplinary action to include suspension and expulsion per the policies of the WBRPSB.