

**Bergenfield Board of Education
Internet & Electronic Information
Access Agreement/Student Agreement**

Dear Student and Parents/Guardians:

Bergenfield Public School District's goal in providing access to the Internet and/or other sources of electronic information includes (1) providing a rich and interesting educational experience; (2) developing academic growth and excellence; and (3) developing skills related to research, use of computers, applications, software, and computer etiquette, responsibility, and accountability.

Any use of unapproved software or applications, including but not limited to Virtual Private Networks ("VPNs"), Proxy servers or sites, or copyrighted software, to bypass security measures on the Bergenfield School District network is forbidden. Please be advised that any unapproved software, applications, or resources used by a student puts the student's personal and private information at risk to parties who may impose harm. **All Internet use and communications must be related to research and educational objectives only.** Any violation of the Bergenfield Board of Education Policy 2361 (Acceptable Use Policy) and the Google Apps for Education Edition Agreement and Privacy Policy may result in immediate termination of access to the network. Other disciplinary actions may also be taken in proportion to the severity of the violation.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

As a condition of using Bergenfield School District's computers and devices, applications, software, and computer networks to access programs and/or information including, but not limited to, the Internet, Google G Suite for Education, such as Gmail, and related networks, I have read and agree to abide by the Bergenfield Board of Education Policy 2361 (Acceptable Use Policy) and the Google Apps for Education Edition Agreement and Privacy Policy. I understand that any violation of these guidelines or any inappropriate conduct related to computer usage may result in administrative action, including, but not limited to, revocation of my computer use and access, detention, suspension, expulsion, or legal prosecution. I understand and am fully responsible for my actions.

Google Apps for Education Edition Agreement and Privacy Policy:

https://gsuite.google.com/intl/en/terms/education_terms.html

Student's Name _____ (Please Print)

Student's ID Number _____ Grade _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT

I have read and discussed with _____ (Student's Name) the above agreement and the Board of Education Policy 2361 (Acceptable Use Policy) and the Google Apps for Education Edition Agreement and Privacy Policy. I understand that access to the Internet and related networks as well as to computer software, Google G Suite for Education including Gmail, and applications on school computers and devices are for **educational use only**.

Parents/Guardian's Name _____ (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

The Board of Education recognizes as new technologies shift the manner in which information is accessed, communicated, and transferred; these changes will alter the nature of teaching and learning. Access to technology will allow pupils to explore databases, libraries, Internet sites, and bulletin boards while exchanging information with individuals throughout the world. The Board supports access by pupils to these information sources but reserves the right to limit in-school use to materials appropriate for educational purposes. The Board directs the Superintendent to effect training of teaching staff members in skills appropriate to analyzing and evaluating such resources as to appropriateness for educational purposes.

The Board also recognizes technology allows pupils access to information sources that have not been pre-screened by educators using Board approved standards. The Board therefore adopts the following standards of conduct for the use of computer networks and declares unethical, unacceptable, or illegal behavior as just cause for taking disciplinary action, limiting or revoking network access privileges, and/or instituting legal action.

The Board provides access to computer networks/computers for educational purposes only. The Board retains the right to restrict or terminate pupil access to computer networks/computers at any time, for any reason. School district personnel will monitor networks and online activity to maintain the integrity of the networks, ensure their proper use, and ensure compliance with Federal and State laws that regulate Internet safety.

Standards for Use of Computer Networks

Any individual engaging in the following actions when using computer networks/computers shall be subject to discipline or legal action:

- A. Using the computer network/computers for illegal, inappropriate or obscene purposes, or in support of such activities. Illegal activities are defined as activities that violate Federal, State, local laws and regulations. Inappropriate activities are defined as those that violate the intended use of the networks. Obscene activities shall be defined as a violation of generally accepted social standards for use of publicly owned and operated communication vehicles.
- B. Using the computer network/computers to violate copyrights, institutional or third party copyrights, license agreements or other contracts.
- C. Using the computer network in a manner that:
 - 1. Intentionally disrupts network traffic or crashes the network;
 - 2. Degrades or disrupts equipment or system performance;
 - 3. Uses the computing resources of the school district for commercial purposes, financial gain, or fraud;
 - 4. Steals data or other intellectual property;
 - 5. Gains or seeks unauthorized access to the files of others or vandalizes the data of another person;
 - 6. Gains or seeks unauthorized access to resources or entities;
 - 7. Forges electronic mail messages or uses an account owned by others;
 - 8. Invades privacy of others;
 - 9. Posts anonymous messages;
 - 10. Possesses any data which is a violation of this Policy; and/or
 - 11. Engages in other activities that do not advance the educational purposes for which computer networks/computers are provided.

Internet Safety Protection

As a condition for receipt of certain Federal funding, the school district shall be in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and has installed technology protection measures for all computers in the school district, including computers in media centers/libraries. The technology protection must block and/or filter material and visual depictions that are obscene as defined in Section 1460 of Title 18, United States Code; child pornography, as defined in Section 2256 of Title 18, United States Code; are harmful to minors including any pictures, images, graphic image file or other material or visual depiction that taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; or depicts, describes, or represents in a patently offensive way, with respect to what is suitable for minors, sexual acts or conduct; or taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

This Policy also establishes Internet safety policy and procedures in the district as required in the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act. Policy 2361 addresses access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and world wide web; the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities by minors online; unauthorized disclosures, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors.

Notwithstanding blocking and/or filtering the material and visual depictions prohibited in the Children's Internet Protection Act and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, the Board shall determine other Internet material that is inappropriate for minors.

In accordance with the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Superintendent of Schools or designee will develop and ensure education is provided to every pupil regarding appropriate online behavior, including pupils interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and/or chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

The Board will provide reasonable public notice and will hold one annual public hearing during a regular monthly Board meeting or during a designated special Board meeting to address and receive public community input on the Internet safety policy - Policy and Regulation 2361. Any changes in Policy and Regulation 2361 since the previous year's annual public hearing will also be discussed at a meeting following the annual public hearing.

The school district will certify on an annual basis, that the schools, including media centers/libraries in the district, are in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act and the school district enforces the requirements of these Acts and this Policy.

Consent Requirement

No pupil shall be allowed to use the school districts' computer networks/computers and the Internet unless they have filed with the main office a consent form signed by the pupil and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Violations

Individuals violating this Policy shall be subject to the consequences as indicated in Regulation 2361 and other appropriate discipline, which includes but are not limited to:

1. Use of the network only under direct supervision;
2. Suspension of network privileges;
3. Revocation of network privileges;
4. Suspension of computer privileges;
5. Revocation of computer privileges;
6. Suspension from school;
7. Expulsion from school; and/or
8. Legal action and prosecution by the authorities.

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Federal Communications Commission: Children's Internet Protection Act

Federal Communications Commission: Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act