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## **2023-2024 Acceptable Use Agreement for Internet Services (Students)**

BOCES is committed to optimizing student learning and teaching. The BOCES considers student access to a computer network, including the Internet, to be a powerful and valuable educational tool and encourages the use of computers and computer-related technology in classrooms for the purpose of advancing and promoting learning and teaching.

The Acceptable Use Agreement of Sullivan County BOCES was designed to make students and parents aware of policies governing Internet use in the district. No child will be allowed to use the Internet without his/her guardian's permission and signature on file.

- Passwords and/or BOCES network access must be kept secure. Providing access to another individual, either deliberately or through failure to secure its access, is a violation of this Agreement. Teachers and principals should be notified immediately if passwords or network access is compromised.
- The BOCES reserves the right to access and view any material stored on BOCES equipment or any material used in conjunction with the BOCES computer network.

### **USE OF EMAIL IN THE BOCES**

- Email accounts for students are issued to each student. Student email access is limited to Sullivan BOCES staff and students.
- Email is a valuable communication tool, and students shall use this tool responsibly and lawfully.
- Students using the BOCES computer network should not expect, nor does the BOCES guarantee privacy for electronic mail (e-mail) or any use of the BOCES computer network.

This Policy does not attempt to define all required and/or acceptable uses of the BOCES, nor is it the intention of this Policy to define all inappropriate usage. However, the following is a non-exhaustive list of prohibited behavior/unacceptable uses:

- a) Use of inappropriate language – obscene, lewd, profane, or vulgar language is prohibited
- b) Creating, storing, displaying, or transmission of pictures, video, or audio that represents illegal, obscene, pornographic, or biased images
- c) Harassment and unwanted contact – this includes the use of email to harass another person or organization; personally attack another person or organization, or to disseminate false or defamatory material about a person or organization
- d) Dangerous information – information that, if acted upon, could cause damage or present a danger of disruption
- e) Any other activity that would violate State or federal law, or school policy
- f) Violations of privacy and/or public safety – revealing personal information about others or self that could be deemed private and/or dangerous

- g) Abuse of resources – chain letters, spamming, i.e., the mass-mailing of email for solicitation purposes
- h) Infringement on any copyrights or other intellectual property rights, including copying, installing, receiving, transmitting, or making available any copyrighted software on the BOCES computer network without the permission of the owner
- i) Data mining or the inappropriate dissemination of confidential information
- j) Promotion and/or advertising of a business or private commercial enterprise or other commercial activity
- k) Distribution of political campaign material, unless otherwise permitted by applicable collective bargaining agreements
- l) Accessing social media sites for non-educational purposes
- m) Sharing of confidential passwords necessary to access the BOCES
- n) You may not use the Internet Network for commercial purposes. This means you may not offer, provide, or purchase products or services through the Internet Network.

Parents should be aware of the existence of materials on the Internet, which may contain inaccurate, defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually-oriented, threatening, racially offensive, or illegal material. BOCES does not condone the use of such materials, and we do not expect your child to access these sites. However, we cannot guarantee that they will not encounter objectionable material. Sullivan BOCES will make every effort to filter and monitor your child's access to appropriate materials on the Internet.

Be advised that students violating any aspect of this Agreement will be subject to parental notification, as well as loss of privileges for Internet usage. Any acts of computer vandalism, tampering with the system, or engaging in any illegal act will be dealt with by a Law Enforcement Agency.

Please sign the sections on the next page and return the signature page of this Agreement to the classroom teacher. Please retain the remainder of the agreement for your reference.

Related Policies:

- # 3320 - Confidentiality of Computerized Information
- # 5676 - Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data
- # 6411 - Use of Email in Sullivan BOCES
- # 7315 - Student Acceptable Use Policy
- # 7316 - Student Use of Personal Technology
- # 8271 - Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy



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### STUDENTS:

I have read this Agreement and spoken with my parents/guardians. By signing below, I agree to the terms necessary to earn Internet privileges and will demonstrate appropriate behavior in the use of the Internet as explained in this Acceptable Use Agreement. I understand that failure to follow the rules will result in a loss of privileges and, depending on the violations, possible criminal actions and/or financial penalties.

(Student's PRINTED Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Student's signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT/GUARDIANS: (If appropriate both parents or guardians should sign below)

I have read the Acceptable Use Agreement of Sullivan County BOCES. By signing below, I agree to allow, the student named above, the privilege of using the Internet in school. I understand that failure to follow the rules will result in a loss of privileges and, depending on the violation, possible criminal actions and/or financial penalties. I also reserve the right to cancel this privilege at any time and at my own discretion.

(Parent/Guardian signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Guardian signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_