COMPUTER USE (BOE POLICY 7540.03)

Acceptable Uses of Computers and On-Line Services

Users may only use District computers, networks, and on-line services for the following acceptable uses:

- Learning activities in support of Board instructional objectives;

- Research supporting educational programs sponsored by the Board; and

- Communications between faculty, staff, students and others outside the Berea City School District containing messages or information, the content of which is not in conflict with this policy and District regulations.

Unacceptable Uses of Computers and On-Line Services

Users may not use District computers, networks, and on-line services for unacceptable uses, specifically included, but not limited to the following:

1. Damaging or altering the operation of the District's computer network services, or interfering with other users' ability to use District computer network services.

2. Creating or distributing communications, materials, information, data or images reasonably regarded as threatening, abusive, harassing, discriminatory, obscene, or in violation or inconsistent with any other Board Policy.

3. Infringing on the rights or liberties of others; using profanity or harassing language as a method to offend or insult others.

4. Illegal or criminal use of any kind.

5. Causing or permitting materials protected by copyright, trademark, service mark, trade name, trade secret, confidentially or proprietary data, or communications of another, to be uploaded to a computer or information system, published, broadcast, or in any way disseminated without authorization from the owner.

6. Installing or maintaining any hardware of executable software not owned or licensed by the Berea Board of Education. This includes software in the public domain and "shareware".

7. Granting access to District computers, networks, and on-line services to individuals not authorized by the Board, either by intentional conduct such as disclosing passwords, or by unintentional conduct such as failing to log off.

8. Conducting commercial, profit-motivated, or partisan political activities not related to Board programs.

9. Interfering with other users' ability to use District computers, networks, and on-line services; attempting to read, delete, copy, modify, or forge information contained in the files of other users.

10. Promoting the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco or unethical practices that violate law or Board policy.

11. Accessing, viewing, printing, storing, transmitting, disseminating or selling any information protected by law or subject to privilege or an expectation of privacy.