Broadalbin-Perth CSD
Student Acceptable Technology Use Agreement

This Acceptable Use Agreement ("Agreement") outlines the expectations for the use of school-provided technology resources (including devices, software, internet access, and online accounts) by students (the "Student") of Broadalbin-Perth CSD ("School").

1. Purpose:

School technology resources are provided to support learning and educational activities. This agreement aims to ensure responsible, ethical, and safe use of these resources by all students.

2. Acceptable Use:

The Student agrees to use school technology resources for educational purposes only, in accordance with teacher instructions and assignments. This includes:

- Completing schoolwork and research projects.
- Communicating with teachers and classmates for educational purposes.
- Accessing educational websites and online learning platforms.

3. Unacceptable Use:

The Student agrees to ** refrain** from the following activities while using school technology resources:

- **Illegal Activities:** Accessing or possessing illegal content, including malware, viruses, or hacking tools. Engaging in cyberbullying, harassment, or threats against others. Downloading or distributing copyrighted material without permission.
- **Inappropriate Content:** Accessing or displaying websites, images, or videos that are offensive, discriminatory, or sexually suggestive.
- **Disruptive Behavior:** Disrupting online classrooms or communication platforms. Using technology resources to spread rumors, gossip, or cause harm to others.
- **Personal Use:** Using school technology resources for excessive personal use like social media, online games, or unauthorized streaming. Downloading or installing unauthorized software.
- **Damaging Equipment:** Tampering with, damaging, or stealing school-owned technology equipment.

4. User Accounts and Passwords:

- The Student is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of their assigned username and password for school technology resources.
- Sharing passwords with others is strictly prohibited.
- The Student is responsible for any activity that occurs under their account.

5. Monitoring and Filtering:

The School reserves the right to monitor student activity on school technology resources to ensure safety and adherence to this Agreement. This may include monitoring internet traffic, emails, and online accounts. The School may also use filtering software to block access to inappropriate websites or content.

6. Data Security:

The Student agrees to take precautions to protect school technology resources from unauthorized access and viruses. This includes not downloading suspicious files or clicking on unknown links.

7. Consequences of Violation:

Violations of this Agreement may result in disciplinary action, including:

- Loss of access to school technology resources.
- Suspension or revocation of school-issued devices.
- Detention or other disciplinary measures as deemed appropriate by the School.

8. Updates to the Agreement:

The School reserves the right to modify this Agreement at any time. Notice of any changes will be communicated to students and parents/guardians.

Broadalbin-Perth CSD - Password Policy

This policy outlines the requirements and best practices for creating and using strong passwords for all user accounts on our network. Strong passwords are crucial for protecting sensitive information and preventing unauthorized access to systems and data.

Password Requirements:

- **Minimum Length:** All passwords must be at least **12 characters** long.

- **Complexity:** Passwords must include a combination of the following character types:

    - Uppercase letters (A-Z)

    - Lowercase letters (a-z)

    - Numbers (0-9)

    - Symbols (!@#$%^&*)

- **Restricted Characters:** Avoid using easily guessable information in your password, such as your name, birthdate, address, or common words found in a dictionary.

- **Unique Passwords:** Don't reuse the same password for multiple accounts.

Password Best Practices:

- **Password Managers:** Consider using a reputable password manager to generate and store strong, unique passwords for all your accounts.

- **Avoid Sharing Passwords:** Never share your passwords with anyone, including colleagues or friends.

- **Regular Password Changes:** It's recommended to change your passwords periodically, at least every **90 days**.

- **Phishing Awareness:** Be cautious of phishing attempts that try to trick you into revealing your password. Never enter your password on websites or emails that appear suspicious.

- **Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA):** Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) whenever possible. MFA adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second verification step beyond your password when logging in.

Enforcement:

- The IT department will enforce this password policy through automated password complexity checks during account creation and password changes. Users who violate this policy may be required to reset their password to meet the requirements and may be subject to disciplinary action.

Acceptance:

By using school technology resources, the Student acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agreed to abide by the terms of this Agreement.

Student Acknowledgement

I have read and understand the Broadalbin-Perth School Central School District's Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that if I violate the rules my Internet/network access privileges can be restricted and that I may face other disciplinary measures.

Name (printed):_____

School: _____ Grade: _____

User's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

I have read and understand the Broadalbin Perth School District's Acceptable Use Policy and have reviewed it with my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please sign and return this form to the main office.

Questions regarding the policy or administrative procedures with respect to the use of technology and/or electronic information may be directed to the Broadalbin-Perth administration.