



# Bellflower Unified School District Network and Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

## **General**

Internet and e-mail that are provided by Bellflower Unified School District are intended for educational use, instruction, research and the facilitation of communication, collaboration, and other educational related purposes. Users are expected to uphold courteous, professional, and respectful standards while using these District provided tools.

## **Prohibited Uses of the Network, Internet, and Email**

Users may not engage in any of the activities listed below as prohibited. If users are unsure whether the behavior/usage is prohibited, they should contact their teacher or site principal.

### Prohibited Uses

- Transmission or accessing of any material in violation of any federal or state law
- Distribution of information which violates or infringes up on the rights of any other person
- Transmission or accessing Information that is defamatory, inappropriate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, or illegal
- Advertisements, solicitations, commercial ventures, or political lobbying
- Transmission of or accessing Information which encourages the use of controlled substances or the use of the system for the purpose of inciting crime
- Material which violates intellectual property law, including unauthorized sharing of music, video, or any other material under copyright.
- Damaging computer/network equipment, files, data, or Internet system in any way (including spreading computer viruses, vandalizing data, or engaging in conduct that could interfere or cause a disruption of the Districts educational or business environment
- Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to the District's Internet and Network systems through any means (ex. Phishing, hacking, malicious tampering, disclosing passwords to anyone other than their own parents, etc.)
- Attempting to gain access to material that is blocked or filtered by the District

The District reserves the right to take immediate action if any of the following instances occur:

- Student activity/behavior on the network creates a security and/or safety issues for staff, students, network, and internet resources.
- Student use of District resources in ways that the District determines to be lacking in legitimate, approved uses or is deemed inappropriate.

## **Filtering**

While it is impossible to control all content on the Internet, the District has in place a network filter. In compliance with the [Children's Internet Protection Act](#), the District blocks or filters content of the District's network/internet that is deemed inappropriate for minors, lacking



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educational or work related content or that pose a threat to the network. Users shall not use any website, application, or any other methods to bypass the filtering of the network or perform any other unlawful activities.

## **Student Internet Safety**

### Student Responsibilities

- Students will not send abusive messages to anyone, transmit material to anyone that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, sexually explicit, protected by trade secret, or that could be interpreted as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.
- Students should not reveal personal information (home address, phone number, etc.) about themselves or other persons on social networking sites, in chat rooms, in emails, or other direct electronic communications, or any other forum over the Internet.
- Students should not display photographs of themselves or the images of others.
- Students should not meet in person anyone they have met only on the Internet
- Students must promptly disclose to their teacher or other school employee any message or other activity they receive that is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Students should not allow any District devices to save their passwords.
- Students will respect copyrights
- Students will not use the District network in any way that will disrupt the use of the network by others

### Parent Responsibilities

- Parents are primarily responsible for transmitting their particular set of family values to their children.
- Parents will discuss with their children what material is and is not acceptable for their children to access through.
- Parents are exclusively responsible for monitoring their children's use of the Internet when the District's software platforms are accessed from home or a non-school location.
- Parents will report to their child's teacher or other school employee any message or other activity their child makes them aware that is inappropriate while using the Internet.

## **Violations of The Acceptable Use Agreement**

The District reserves the right to terminate any user's access to the District's network and Internet systems

If a student violates this agreement, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken consistent with the violation, California Education Code, and local law enforcement codes. If a student's access is revoked, the student may not be penalized academically. The District will ensure that the student continues to have a meaningful opportunity to participate in all educational programs provided.



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## **Limitation of Liability**

Bellflower Unified School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Bellflower Unified School District is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from use of the network or accounts. This includes, but is not limited to, the loss of data or revenue resulting from delays, non-deliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by the District's own negligence or a user's errors and/or omissions. Use of the internet or network is at the user's risk.