

Respectable Use of Technology User and Parent Notification and Consent Form

- I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the Benson Respectable Use Policy – Acceptable Use of Technology Policy for Students, Employees, and Public Users (hereafter referred to as the RUP) of the Benson Public Schools. This policy is available by clicking on the District Technology Policy link under Menu > Parents & Students > District Technology on the Benson School District website at <http://www.benson.k12.mn.us>. The policy is also available in printed format by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (320) 843-2710. Any questions you have regarding the RUP or this document also can also be answered by contacting the Superintendent's Office.
- I agree that Benson Public Schools is not liable for loss or content of information stored on the District's USB flash drives, hard drives, or servers; nor is the District liable for any information retrieved through school district computers, Chromebooks, networks, or online resources.
- I understand that my usage of District owned hardware, District owned software and/or usage of my District provided user account (i.e. bensonschools.us accounts) may be monitored on and off school grounds and have extremely limited privacy.
- I agree that although the District may use technical means to limit student Internet access, these limits do not provide a foolproof means for enforcing the provisions of the RUP.
- I agree that goods and services can be purchased over the Internet which could potentially result in unwanted financial obligations and that any financial obligation incurred by a user is the responsibility of the user, or in the event that the user is a minor, the user's legal guardian(s).
- I agree that should I, as a user, violate the District's RUP, my access may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken (which may include termination for school employees), and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.
- I understand that all provisions of the District's RUP are subordinate to local, state, and federal laws.

As a user of the District's Technology Resources, I agree to be bound by all of the statements listed above.

User's Printed Name _____

User's Signature _____ Date _____

By signing below, I am providing my consent for the above named child to utilize the District's Technology Systems in accordance with the District's RUP and all of the statements listed on this page.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Benson Public School District #777
Respectable Use Policy (RUP) for District Computer Systems
Information for Students, Parents and Staff

Purpose:

1. The District is providing its employees and students ("users") with access to computing equipment, systems and local network functions such as District e-mail and the internet.
2. This access has a limited educational purpose for students and is to facilitate employees' work productivity.

Benson Public School District's Internet and Computer Use Policy Statement:

The Benson Public School District's Respectable Use Policy (RUP) is intended to prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by users online, prevent unauthorized disclosure of or access to sensitive information, and to comply with Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). As used in this policy, "user" includes anyone using the computers, Internet, email, chat rooms, YouTube, Facebook, and other forms of direct electronic communication or equipment provided by the District (the "network"). The District will use technology protection measures to block or filter, to the degree possible, access of visual depictions that are obscene, pornographic, and harmful to minors over the network.

I. USE OF THE SYSTEM IS A PRIVILEGE

The District reserves the right to monitor users' online activities and to access, review, copy, and store or delete any electronic communications or files and disclose them to others as it deems necessary. Users should have no expectation of privacy regarding their use of District property, network, and/or Internet access or files, including email. Access is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, based upon the acceptable use guidelines outlined in this policy, the administration will deem what is inappropriate use and their decisions are final. Upon identification of inappropriate use of network services access may be denied, revoked, or suspended at any time. Misuse may also lead to disciplinary and/or legal action for both students and employees.

II. UNACCEPTABLE USES

1. Users will not use the school district system to access, review, upload, download, store, print, post, receive, transmit or distribute:
 - a. pornographic, obscene or sexually explicit material or other visual depictions that is harmful to minors;
 - b. obscene, abusive, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, disrespectful, or sexually explicit language;
 - c. materials that use language or images that are inappropriate in the education setting or disruptive to the educational process;
 - d. information or materials that could cause damage or danger of disruption to the educational process;
 - e. materials that use language or images that advocate violence or discrimination toward other people (hate literature) or that may constitute harassment or discrimination.
2. Users may not use the school district system to knowingly or recklessly post, transmit or distribute false or defamatory information about a person or organization, or to harass another person, or to engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
3. Users may not use the school district system to engage in any illegal act or violate any local, state or federal statute or law.

4. Users may not use the school district system to gain unauthorized access to information resources, or to access or use another person's material, information or files without written permission from that person.
5. Users may not use the District's network for political lobbying or other political purposes.
6. Users may not directly or indirectly make connections that create "backdoors" to the District that allow unauthorized access to the District's network. Users may not bypass District content filter without authorization. This includes the use of "proxy" sites. The District has procedures in place to evaluate requests from users to block or unblock sites as necessary.
7. Users may not use the school district system for conducting business, for unauthorized commercial purposes or for financial gain unrelated to the mission of the District. Users may not use the "system" to offer or provide goods or services or for product advertisement. Users may not use the "system" to purchase goods or services for personal use.
8. Users may not waste technology resources, including bandwidth, file space, and printers, among others.
9. Users may not share their password(s) with others and/or allow others to use your account(s).
10. Users will promptly report to their teacher or other school employee any inappropriate material viewed, inappropriate message received, or anyone witnessed abusing computer privileges.

III. LIMITATION ON DISTRICT LIABILITY

Use of the District system is at the user's own risk. The system is provided on an "as is, as available" basis. The District will not be responsible for any damage users may suffer, including, but not limited to, loss, damage or unavailability of data stored on school district disks, tapes, hard drives or servers, external hard drives, regardless of the cause. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of any advice or information obtained through or stored on the District system. The District will not be responsible for financial obligations arising from unauthorized use of the District system or the internet.