

Bainbridge Island School District #303
School Board Policy 2022 Responsible Use of Electronic Resources – User Agreement

The Bainbridge Island School District Board of Directors recognizes that an excellent and engaging public education system develops students who are globally aware, civically engaged, and capable of managing their lives and careers. The board also believes that students need to be proficient, responsible and safe users of information, media, and technology to succeed in a digital world.

Therefore, the district will use electronic resources as a powerful and compelling means for students to learn core subjects and applied skills in relevant and rigorous ways. It is the district's goal to provide students with rich and ample opportunities to use technology for important purposes in schools just as individuals in workplaces and other real-life settings use these tools. The district's technology will enable educators and students to communicate, learn, share, collaborate and create; to think and solve problems; to manage their work; and to take ownership of their reputations and lives.

To help ensure student safety and citizenship in online activities, all students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

The superintendent or designee will create strong electronic educational systems that support innovative teaching and learning, provide appropriate staff development opportunities, and develop procedures to support this policy.

Use of the Internet

As specified by the FCC, the question of Internet safety includes issues regarding the use of the Internet, Internet-capable computing devices, and other electronic devices in a manner that promotes safe online activity for children, protects children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators and cyberbullying, and helps parents shield their children from materials that are inappropriate for minors.

To promote the safe and appropriate online behavior by students and staff as they access material from the Internet, the district will use the following four-part approach. However, given the ever-changing nature of the Internet, the district cannot guarantee that a student will never be able to access objectionable material.

1. Electronic Resources Use Agreement

Any student, staff member, or guest using the Internet from an Internet-capable computing device in any district facility will be required to sign a network user agreement before access is granted.

2. Filter

All district-owned and personally-owned Internet-capable devices in all district facilities accessing the Internet through district network resources will be filtered and monitored to prevent access to obscene, racist, hateful, violent, or other objectionable material as specified by the FCC Children's Internet Protection Act and district policies.

3. Supervision

When students and staff access the Internet from any district facility, district staff will make a reasonable effort to supervise student access and use of the Internet. If material is accessed that violates district policies, procedures and/or the network use agreement, then district staff may instruct the person to cease using that material and/or implement sanctions contained in district policies, procedures and/or the network use agreement.

4. Instruction

All students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including, but not limited to, interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

For more information:

BISD School Board Policies and Procedures are posted the BISD website: <http://www.bisd303.org/Page/815> Policies 2022 and 3246, and their related procedures, specifically address use of district network and electronic resources.

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Electronic Resources User Agreement for Students

The Bainbridge Island School District is pleased to offer students access to the district's network and electronic resources. Current technologies have become an integral part of today's society and play an increasingly significant role in the lives of our students. Technology fosters a passion for learning, delivers challenging and meaningful curriculum, and develops and supports the skills necessary for career, college and life.

The district provides the network system, Internet access, and other electronic resources (that could include accounts for file storage, district email, network access, and collaboration systems) as tools for education and research in support of the district's mission. Due to the dynamic nature of the Internet, there is some risk of accessing information that may be deemed inappropriate or objectionable by some people. The district will create policies and procedures to minimize risks; employ content filtering software, and other network safety measures; and educate students about safe and responsible technology use. Users further reduce risks by taking personal responsibility for their conduct when using district network and electronic resources.

Ultimately parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying standards for the use of responsible and appropriate use of technology resources. The school district asks for your help by discussing with your child the following guidelines to be a responsible digital citizen. These digital citizenship guidelines apply to the use of any district-owned and personally owned computing devices through the district's network or other electronic resources.

Guidelines to Promote Positive and Effective Digital Citizenship

1. The expectations for positive student behavior online are the same as for face-to-face interactions. Treat others respectfully online as you would if you were talking or working with them face-to-face.
2. The use of district network and electronic resources is a privilege. Any inappropriate use could lead to suspension of network access or other disciplinary action.
3. Use the Internet for legitimate educational purposes only. Do not attempt to bypass content filtering systems or access inappropriate or harmful material. If you accidentally access inappropriate material, let your teacher or other school district staff know so they can remove the inappropriate material and notify the appropriate district personnel.
4. Be ethical and responsible with all use of the network and electronic resources. Do not attempt to bypass or alter network security systems or settings. Do not modify, destroy, or abuse technology systems, hardware, applications, or software in any way.
5. Use network or email account information responsibly and safely. Do not share username or passwords with anyone other than parents/guardians or appropriate school district staff.
6. Information posted electronically is public. Protect your identity, safety, and personal information. Do not share your home address, telephone number, or information about your family through electronic communications.
7. Information posted electronically is permanent and can have a lifelong impact. Protect the identity, safety and personal information of others. Do not share or spread information about other students or district staff through electronic communications.
8. Respect intellectual property rights and copyright laws. Do not claim someone else's work or words as your own. Give full credit to original authors and developers by citing sources appropriately.
9. Maintain the availability of the network for all users. Protect the network so it can be used by others. Do not disrupt or attempt to disrupt the use of the network or other electronic resources by others.
10. The district reserves the right for authorized personnel to review system use and file content for security and administrative purposes. No user should have any expectation of privacy when using the district's network or electronic resources.

As a responsible digital citizen and user of the Bainbridge Island School District network and electronic resources, I understand and agree to these guidelines and will abide by all district policies and procedures.

Signature of Student

Date

Printed Name of Student

As the student's parent or guardian, I have reviewed this information with my child and stressed the importance of being a responsible digital citizen as outlined in Policy 2022 and this user agreement.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian