

## APPENDIX D

### Internet Access Policy

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#### Introduction

Banner County Schools offers Internet access to its students, staff, and faculty. The purpose of this document is to set forth policy regarding the management and use of this system.

The system that provides Internet access at Banner County Schools will:

- 1) Utilize filtering technology to screen out obscene, illegal, or otherwise objectionable material from the Internet. Filtering will be in operation during normal business hours or anytime the Internet is in use after hours by students, staff or faculty. Exceptions to this provision may be made for maintenance of the system when deemed necessary by the Superintendent of Schools. However, if filtering is to be down for an extended period of time, Internet access will also be secured until filtering is reinstated. The systems administrator is responsible to ensure that the filtering system is operating properly.
- 2) Reasonably prevent access by minors to inappropriate material on the Internet by means of filtering technology and the monitoring of students by an adult. No current filtering technology can provide 100% protection from obscene, illegal, or otherwise objectionable material, so student monitoring is necessary to prevent access by minors to such material. For this policy, an adult is defined as any person 21 years of age or older who is either employed by Banner County Schools or is approved by the superintendent, principal, or systems administrator to monitor students. Monitoring is defined as periodically viewing student activities on the Internet.
- 3) Provide for the safety and security of minors using electronic mail, chat rooms or other forms of direct electronic communications in accordance with Federal requirements. Since there is currently no effective way to protect the safety and security of minors using the aforementioned means of electronic communication, E-mail and chat rooms will be blocked for use by minors on this system. A minor is defined by federal regulation as any individual who has not attained the age of 17 years. For the purposes of this policy, a minor will be defined as any member of the student body who is 17 years old or younger who is not a member of the senior class.
- 4) Prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors in accordance with federal requirements. No personal identification information regarding minors will be posed on any web site, and all such information on the system will be disclosed, used and disseminated only in accordance with current confidentiality policy.

Unauthorized use of this system, including "hacking," "spamming," and penalties for infractions are defined in the Acceptable Internet Use Policy for Banner County Schools.

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6. Network users may not log on to someone else's account or attempt to access another user's files. "Hacking" or otherwise trying to gain access to another person's or organization's computer system is prohibited.
7. Network users may not access Web sites, newsgroups, or chat areas that contain material that is obscene or that promotes illegal acts. If a user accidentally accesses this type of information, he or she should immediately notify a teacher, librarian, and/or network administrator.
8. Network users may not engage in "spamming" (sending an email to more than 10 people at the same time) or participate in chain letters.

#### Safety Guidelines for Students

1. Never give out your last name, address, or phone number.
2. Never agree to meet in person with anyone you have met online unless you first have the approval of a parent or guardian.
3. Notify an adult immediately if you receive a message that may be inappropriate or if you encounter any material that violates this Acceptable Use Policy.
4. Your parents should instruct you if there is additional material that they think it would be inappropriate for you to access. Banner County School expects you to follow your parent's wishes in this matter.

#### Violations/Penalties

Violations of any of the above provisions will result in the loss of computer/Internet privileges for a period of time. The time frame may be from 5 days up to one year.

#### Parent/Guardian Permission

I have read and understand the above information about appropriate use of the computer network at Banner County School and I understand that this form will be kept on file at the school. I give my child permission to access the network as outlined above. I also understand that my child's work (writing, drawing, etc.) may occasionally be published on the Internet and be accessible on a World Wide Web server.

Parent name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_