

## **STUDENT INTERNET AND APPROPRIATE USE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION**

The Biddeford School Committee, hereinafter referred to as the “School Committee,” in an effort to effectuate its Student Internet and Appropriate Use policy will enforce the following administrative regulations. Although some specific examples of prohibited behavior by student users are stated, these administrative regulations do not attempt to state all required or proscribed behavior. Failure to comply with this School Committee’s policy/administrative regulation shall be deemed grounds for revocation of privileges, potential disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **I. ACCEPTABLE USE**

Access to the school unit’s Internet must be for educational purposes and research consistent with the school unit’s educational mission and goals.

All students shall be required to sign an Internet Network Access Agreement (see IJNDB-E2) affirming that they have read and understand the Internet Network Access Agreement (IJNDB-E1) and understand the consequences for the violation of said policy/administrative regulation.

#### **II. PRIVILEGES**

The use of the school unit’s Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use may result in the cancellation of those privileges. The building administrator shall make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated these regulations and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time.

#### **III. UNACCEPTABLE USE**

The user is responsible for all his/her actions and activities involving the network. Examples of prohibited conduct include but are not limited to the following:

- A. Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts or transmitting any material in violation of U.S. and State regulation;

- B. Copying or downloading copyrighted material on any system connected to the school unit's system without the owner's permission. Only the owner(s) or individuals the owner specifically authorizes may copy or download copyrighted material to the system;
- C. Copying or downloading copyrighted material for the student's own use without the owner's permission. Students may redistribute copyrighted programs only with the owner's permission. Such permission must be specified in the document or must be obtained directly from the owner in accordance with applicable copyright laws, School Committee policy and administrative regulations;
- D. Using the network for private financial or commercial gain;
- E. Wastefully using resources;
- F. Utilizing any software having the purpose of damaging the school unit's system or other user's system;
- G. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities;
- H. Invading the privacy of individuals;
- I. Using another user's account or password;
- J. Posting material authorized or created by another without his/her consent;
- K. Posting anonymous messages;
- L. Using the network for commercial or private advertising;
- M. Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material;
- N. Forgery of electronic mail messages;
- O. Attempting to read, delete, copy or modify the electronic mail of other system users and deliberately interfering with the ability of other system users to send/receive electronic mail;
- P. Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked; and

- Q. Using the network in a fashion inconsistent with directions and network etiquette.

#### IV. DISCLAIMER

This school unit makes no assurances of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. This school unit will not be responsible for any damages the student/user suffers. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the student's own risk. This school unit specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information or software obtained through its services.

#### V. INDEMNIFICATION

The student's parents shall be responsible for indemnifying the school unit for any losses, costs, or damages incurred by the school unit relating to or arising out of any student violation of these regulations.

#### VI. SECURITY

Network security is a high priority. If the student identifies or perceives a security problem or a breach of these responsibilities on the Internet, the user must immediately notify a staff member. The student must not demonstrate the problem to other student users. The Staff member will then contact the computer coordinator.

#### VII. VANDALISM

Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy the school unit's equipment or materials, data of another student, the Internet, network, or agency. This includes but is not limited to the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

#### VIII. TELEPHONE CHARGES

This school unit assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees including but not limited to long distance charges, per minute surcharges and/or equipment or line costs.

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