

Acceptable Use Policy Internet and E-Mail Permission Form 2020-2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are pleased to offer students of the Banning Unified School District access to the district computer network for electronic mail and Internet access. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parent permission and must sign and return this form. Students 18 and over may sign their own forms.

Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of curriculum related resources and communicate with people throughout the world. These resources will be invaluable in your student's learning experience.

Pursuant to the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA") the District is required to monitor and filter the District network. The purpose of monitoring and filtering the network is to prevent students from accessing harmful content.

While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Banning Unified School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

District Internet and E-Mail Rules

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. The following are not permitted

- Sending, displaying, or accessing offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
- Intentionally damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password or allowing others to use your account
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes
- Trespassing in another's folders, work, or files
- Leaving computer unsecured

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others on academic topics using various digital resources, video conferencing, and Google Apps for Education. Students are responsible for their behavior and communications on those networks. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Violations of the district policy described may result in access privileges suspended or revoked as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

Based on the District's duty to monitor its network, users should not expect that files stored on district servers will be private. Further, students have no expectation of confidentiality or privacy with respect to any usage of district issued devices, regardless of whether that use is for district-related or personal purposes, other than as specifically provided by law. Accordingly, District personnel may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Teachers, school administrators, and the technology department staff may use monitoring software that allows them to view the screens and activity on student devices.

Students are deemed authorized users of District owned devices and are deemed to have provided consent for District personnel to access the device, as needed. The District may also authorize student use of personally owned devices conditioned upon consent for District personnel to access such device in the event there is reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing.

During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Older students will be taught how to independently locate information appropriate to their class assignments. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they access information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio, and other potentially offensive media.



(Keep this section for your records)

(Cut here and return to school)

Internet and E-Mail User Agreement and Parent Permission Form (Select One)

- Yes, as the parent or legal guardian of the student signing below, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access electronic mail and the Internet in accordance with the District Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use by setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media. I have explained this to my student as indicated by his/her signature below.

- No, as the parent or legal guardian of the student signing below, I do not grant permission for my son or daughter to access electronic mail and the Internet.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Name (Please Print) _____

Date _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Student Name (Please Print) _____

Date _____