

**Monroe 2- Orleans BOCES  
Student Technology/Internet  
Acceptable Use Rules**

**Student Technology/Internet Access Rules:**

BOCES' mission is to provide quality educational services and support excellence and equity for all learners, which is in support of the New York State Learning Standards. We believe that the benefits for student access to the Internet and remote learning far outweigh any potential risk. However, everyone should be aware that students who have Internet access may potentially and inadvertently encounter unacceptable resources as some sites might contain information that is inappropriate, pornographic, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some users.

BOCES believes strongly in promoting the appropriate use of technology. All students understand by using the BOCES network at school or remotely, they abide by the following rules for use:

- 1) Limit the use of telecommunications in school to the educational objectives established by my teacher/service provider.
- 2) Will NOT engage in any of the following:
  - Retrieve or send unethical, illegal, immoral, inappropriate, unprofessional, harassing, bullying or unacceptable information of any kind
  - Use abusive, insulting, harassing, intimidating, attacking, or bullying language of any type, including but not limited to swearing and name-calling.
  - Divulge my own or anyone's home address, home phone number or other personal information with another for any purpose and will report any requests of this kind to my classroom teacher, librarian, principal or supervisor
  - Plagiarize information received in any form.
  - Use another person's account.
  - Share my password with anyone else.
  - Download materials without the consent of my teacher(s) or school personnel
  - Attempt to bypass security built into the system
  - Interfere with, vandalize, or disrupt network users, services, traffic, equipment, or software
  - Use Internet access for illegal purposes of any kind
  - Use Internet access to transmit threatening, obscene, vulgar, abusive, unlawful, pornographic, or harassing materials
  - Use school computers to chat online, maintain social websites (such as Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, etc.) send unsupervised or unauthorized E-mail or text messages
  - Install any new software on any BOCES owned computers
  - Violate copyright or any licensing or software agreement
  - Violate any state or federal law in usage
  - Use any electronic device during a New York State assessment and understand if bringing an electronic device to an assessment, it will be collected by the test proctor or BOCES staff prior to the start of the assessment.
  - Use any external devices (ex. electronic devices), on any BOCES owned computers.

- Tampering, misusing, abusing, vandalizing, damaging, disabling or otherwise interfering with the operation of computers, computer systems, security measures, software or related equipment through physical action or by electronic means.
- Changing, copying, renaming, deleting, reading or otherwise accessing files or software not created by the student without express permission from the computer coordinator.
- Employing the Internet or BOCES system for commercial purposes, product advertisement or political lobbying.
- Accessing, displaying or sending materials that are derogatory toward any race, religion, culture, ethnic group, gender or sexual orientation, disability, age, genetic status, military status, weight, or any other protected class.
- Trespassing in others' files, folders or works.
- Downloading music.
- Using school resources for non-school activities.
- Using the Internet for harassing, bullying or demeaning others (commonly known as "cyber-bullying").
- Unauthorized access including "hacking."

3) I will abide by the licensing agreements for any school subscriptions and online databases, which require a user name and password.

4) I understand that only educational use authorized or supervised by my teachers or their supervisors is allowed.

5) I will properly cite any and all materials including materials used from the Internet.

BOCES reserves the right to access and view any material stored on BOCES equipment, or any material used in conjunction with the BOCES computer network.

BOCES reserves the right to monitor all Internet activity by students. Any violation of the foregoing guidelines or inappropriate use will be treated as a violation of the Student Discipline Code, and Code of Conduct, and shall be handled according to such discipline code. Any violation may also result in the loss of Internet privileges and any damages may result in financial liability. BOCES shall notify the appropriate legal authorities if there is suspicion of illegal activities. The system administrator, in cooperation with the Program Administrator, shall determine whether student conduct constitutes a violation of the guidelines and his/her decision shall be final.

BOCES makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the Internet service it is providing. BOCES shall not be responsible for any damages suffered. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or a user's inappropriate use, or violation of this regulation, errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The BOCES specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

I have reviewed the above guidelines, and I understand and agree to the guidelines for computer/electronic/Internet use.

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Student Name

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date