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

MANDATORY FORM TO BE SIGNED AND RETURNED

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 offensive to some users.

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

1) Limit the use of electronic devices 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 or images 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, assistant principal or supervisor.
   - Plagiarize information received in any form, including use of AI.
   - 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, discriminatory, 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 of any prohibited electronic device during a New York State assessment and understand if bringing a prohibited electronic device to an assessment, it will be collected by the test proctor or BOCES staff prior to the start of the assessment. Students with disabilities may use certain devices if the device is specified in the student's IEP or 504 Plan.

- Use of personal cell phones or other internet-enabled devices (e.g., smartwatches) during school hours, refusal to store these devices with administration, or providing a decoy device while keeping the real one.
- Use any external devices (ex. USB drives/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 identity, gender or sexual orientation, disability, age, genetic status, military status, 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, including but not limited to, 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 username and password.
4) 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 personal 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 if student conduct constitutes a violation of the guidelines and their decision shall be final.

BOCES makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the Internet service it is providing and 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.

Student Name Student Signature Date

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