

Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy

Every student who attends a school in the Auburn-Washburn School District is expected to use technology to conduct research, complete curricular objectives, and communicate with others in the educational world. Electronic information use and research skills are fundamental to preparation of citizens and future employees during this age of information. Access to technology resources enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and electronic resources while exchanging messages with people throughout the world. The Auburn-Washburn School District believes that the benefits to students from the access of electronic information resources and opportunities for collaboration are mandatory in the 21st century.

Access to district technology services include but are not limited to:

1. Internet access
2. Wireless and wired computer access
3. Interactive Distance Learning opportunities
4. E-mail
5. WIKIs and Blogs
6. Electronic blackboards
7. Required local and State testing
8. Computer based instructional programs and curriculum

As a technology user in the Auburn-Washburn School District you should be aware:

1. The District wide-area network is used by staff and student to communicate with others in a manner that is consistent in an educational environment. Student communications using networked resources will be considered publications and be governed by Board of Education policy regarding student publications.
2. Communication using district technology resources should not be considered private. Network supervision and maintenance may require review and inspection of directories or messages. Students are responsible for good behavior when using district technology resources, just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. Board of Education policy that dictates general school rules for behavior and communications applies when using district technology resources.
3. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access.
4. Unsupervised student use of any faculty computer in the classroom is prohibited. No user may disclose, use, or disseminate unauthorized personal identification information regarding minors.
5. Use of district technology resources must be in support of educational goals. The district reserves the right to prioritize use and access to the system.
6. Only software (computer programs) legally licensed and owned by the Auburn-Washburn School District may be installed on computers in the school district. This includes lab computers, faculty computers, and office computers. The district technology department will provide a list of educational programs approved for use on all district computers.
7. As mandated by the federal law enacted by Congress to address concerns about access to offensive content over the Internet on school and library computers, the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was passed. All Internet access provided by the Auburn-Washburn School District is filtered to protect the students and staff in the district from viewing objectionable materials easily. However, the Internet is designed in such a manner that all materials contained within it are accessible using various search and retrieval tools. Inappropriate materials could be encountered during students' research required to achieve valid instructional objectives. Families should be aware that some material accessible over the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. In addition, it is possible to purchase certain goods and services over the Internet which could result in unwanted financial obligations for which a student's parent or guardian would be liable. If such inappropriate material is inadvertently encountered, it shall be disengaged from immediately. Students and teachers will

be instructed in the necessary procedures of evaluation of information and resources as part of their ongoing education for life in modern society.

8. Students in the Auburn-Washburn School District may bring wireless devices to school for educational use only. Students using their personal computer on the district wireless network will not have access to any district technology resources such as printers and personal files. Internet access will be available for educational use, but filtered at its most restrictive level.
9. The Auburn-Washburn School District makes no warranties of any kind, neither expressed nor implied, for the technology resources it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages users suffer, including--but not limited to--loss of data resulting from delays or interruptions in service. The District will not be responsible for the accuracy, nature, or quality of information stored on District storage devices, hard drives, or servers; nor for the accuracy, nature, or quality of information gathered through District-provided Internet access. The District will not be responsible for personal property used to access District computers or networks or for District-provided Internet access. The District will not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from District-provided access to the Internet.
10. This policy and all its provisions are subordinate to Board of Education policy, local, state, and federal statutes.

All district technology users are responsible for maintaining an environment that is free of malicious, inappropriate or illegal acts, and is conducive to learning. Use of Auburn-Washburn School District technology resources implies the user inherently agrees to abide by this policy. Failing to abide by this policy may result in removal of privileges to access all technology resources, as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Access to district technology resources may be revoked for abusive or inappropriate conduct. Such conduct would include, but is not limited to:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- The placing of unlawful information on or through the computer system
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Unauthorized installation of software
- Using another's password
- Unauthorized access including "hacking" and other unlawful activities by minors online
- Trespassing in another's folder, work or files
- Deletion, examination, copying, or modification of files and/or data belonging to other users without their prior consent
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Using the network for commercial purposes
- Attempt to alter or disrupt the district's technology services from a remote location.
- Downloading music, videos, and other copyrighted material for personal use
- Using school networks to enter billable areas or purchase or attempt to purchase products/services
- Share confidential information on students or employees

Be advised that loss of computer network privileges may make it very difficult or impossible to satisfy the educational program requirements of some classes. Some examples are:

- Business or Technology classes
- Computer Programming classes
- Classes requiring use of district or Internet databases for research
- Classes requiring district software to create papers, brochures, etc
- Computer based instructional programs
- Required local and state testing

Student Opt-Out Policy

Parents or guardians may obtain a form to request to opt a student out from using technology resources while at school. The form may be obtained from any school office. After meeting with the principal to review aspects of the child's educational program that will be affected as a result of the child not having access to instructional and assessment technology, the parent may sign the form and return it to the school office. The signed form will be kept on file in the school office. The building principal shall receive a copy of the signed form so the named student shall be excluded from all access to computer technology. All appropriate staff shall be notified and alternate instructional methods will be implemented where possible. Opt-out requests shall be required annually and are valid only for the school year in which they are submitted.