

Acceptable Use Policy (3-8)

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Brighten Academy Charter School

Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP Grades 3-8)

Brighten Academy Charter School (BACS) provides a wide range of technology resources for student use. These technology resources are to be used only for educational purposes. This agreement outlines appropriate use and prohibited activities when using all technology resources and electronic devices as defined by school administrators. Every student is expected to follow all the rules and conditions listed, as well as those given verbally by BACS teachers and administrators, and to demonstrate good citizenship and ethical behavior at all times.

BACS use a filtering system to track and monitor all computer and Internet use on the BACS network. The system is designed to prevent access to educationally inappropriate sites.

It is important to understand that no filtering system is perfect. Due to the nature of the Internet and evolving technology, even with supervision, we cannot guarantee that students will not reach an inappropriate site. It is the student's responsibility to report any inappropriate site to the nearest BACS employee.

Below are examples, but not an exhaustive list, of online conduct that may constitute a violation of federal and/or state criminal laws relating to cybercrimes:

Criminal Acts: These include, but are not limited to, "hacking" or attempting to access computer systems without authorization, threatening/harassing email, cyber-stalking, child pornography, vandalism, unauthorized tampering with computer systems, using misleading domain names, using another person's identity and/or identity fraud.

Libel Laws: Publicly defaming people through publishing material on the Internet, email, etc.

Copyright Violations: Copying, selling, or distributing copyrighted material without the express written permission of the author or publisher (users should assume that all materials available on the Internet are protected by copyright) and engaging in plagiarism (using other's words or ideas as your own).

Students & Parents/Guardians: Please review the BACS Acceptable Use Policy in the parent handbook and sign the form below to indicate your agreement to use BACS technology responsibly.

Parent or Guardian:

As the parent or guardian, I have read the BACS Acceptable Use Policy and I have discussed it with my child. I understand that computer access is provided for educational purposes in keeping with the academic goals of BACS, and that student use for any other purpose is inappropriate. I recognize it is impossible for BACS to restrict access to all inappropriate materials, and I will not hold the school responsible for materials acquired on the school network. I understand that children's computer activities at home should be supervised as they can affect the academic environment at school. I hereby give permission for my child to use technology resources at Brighten Academy Charter Schools.

Parent or Guardian's Name (Please Print) _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Student:

I understand and will obey the rules of the BACS Acceptable Use Policy in the parent handbook. I will use BACS technology resources productively and responsibly for school-related purposes. I will not use any technology resource in such a way that would be disruptive or cause harm to other users. I understand that consequences of my actions could include possible loss of computer privileges and/or school disciplinary action as stated in the Code of Discipline and/or prosecution under state and federal law.

Student Name (Please Print)

Student Signature

Date