

# BUCKEYE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT AGREEMENT

## For Use of Technology Resources in Instruction

### Purpose

Buckeye Union High School District provides a network of computers, the Internet, educational software, and e-mail access to support our educational mission and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students. To protect the students and district, BUHSD requires a Student Agreement to be signed by each student and his/her parent or guardian to help establish reasonable controls for ethical, legal, safe, and appropriate use of this technology.

### Definition

For the purpose of this agreement, the term “technology” includes the use of any of the following at BUHSD:

- The school network
- The Internet
- Any sites or software that support learning
- Any technological devices that belong to BUHSD
- Any personal technological devices used while on the BUHSD campus, including but not limited to cell phones, tablets, laptops/computers and personal audio devices

**Please read this agreement carefully. By signing, you agree to uphold federal and state laws and to abide by BUHSD policies, rules and regulations when using BUHSD's computer network system. This agreement must be signed by both student and student's parent or guardian before the student will be allowed access to BUHSD computer technology.**

After the signed agreement is returned to the student's school, he/she will be authorized to use the computer network. Please keep a copy for your record and information.

### Consequences for Violation of This Agreement

Failure to adhere to the terms of this agreement will subject the student to serious consequences such as school disciplinary action and/or referral to law enforcement, in addition to usage restrictions or suspension of computer privileges. Electronic mail or direct electronic communication at BUHSD is not private and may be read and monitored by designated BUHSD staff.

### Technology Protection Measures

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), BUHSD uses filtering software to block access to inappropriate matter on the Internet. However, no filtering software is 100 percent effective, and it is possible that the filtering software could be unsuccessful. To minimize these risks, student use of the network is governed by this agreement. BUHSD is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet or through e-mail.

## Government Laws

Computer technology at BUHSD must be used in conformity with laws of the United States and the State of Arizona. Violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Criminal Acts – These include, but are not limited to, “hacking” or attempting to access computer systems without authorization, harassing email, cyberstalking, child pornography, vandalism, and/or unauthorized tampering with computer systems.
- Libel Laws – Posting or publishing defamatory materials on the internet, email, or any other social media.
- 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), engaging in plagiarism (using other's words or ideas as your own).

## Acceptable Uses

BUHSD students may use the various technology resources provided by BUHSD for the sole purpose of pursuing personal educational objectives consistent with the educational goals and objectives of BUHSD. All BUHSD students using technological resources at BUHSD are required to follow generally accepted appropriate uses. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Using appropriate, respectful language.
- Using these resources so as not to disrupt service to other authorized users.
- Keeping personal information, including password, confidential. Any misuse of network access is the student's responsibility.
- Informing the teacher, technology department, or an administrator if inappropriate information, including obscene or pornographic material, is mistakenly accessed. Also, promptly reporting any breaches of security or filter tampering.
- Abiding by all copyright and trademark laws and regulations.
- Being responsible for the appropriate storage and backup of personal data.

**Improper use of the BUHSD network is prohibited.**

## STUDENT AGREEMENT TO NETWORK ETIQUETTE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF BUHSD TECHNOLOGY:

1. I hereby acknowledge and understand that passwords are private. I will not allow others to use my account name and password or try to use that of others.
2. I will be polite and use appropriate language in my email messages, online postings, and other digital communications with others. I will not use profanity, vulgarities or any other inappropriate language as determined by district administrators.
3. I will use email and other means of electronic communications (e.g. blogs, wikis, chat, instant-messaging, discussion boards, etc.) responsibly. I will not use computers, cell phones, personal digital devices or the Internet for any illegal or unethical purposes, including intent to incite violence, cause personal harm or bodily injury, or to harass or "stalk" another individual, send or post hate or harassing mail, make discriminatory or derogatory remarks about others, or engage in bullying, harassment, or other antisocial behaviors either at school or at home.
4. I understand that I am an ambassador for BUHSD in all my online activities. I understand that what I do on social networking websites should not reflect negatively on my fellow students, teachers, or on BUHSD. I understand that I will be held responsible for how I represent myself and my school on the Internet.

5. I understand that masquerading, spoofing, or pretending to be someone else is forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to, sending out e-mail, creating accounts, or posting messages or other online content (e.g. text, images, audio or video) in someone else's name as a "joke."
6. I will use BUHSD computer resources responsibly. I will not view or attempt to view pornography, vulgarity, sexually explicit material, or un-moderated and un-educational posts on the Internet or through e-mail. I will not retrieve, save, or display hate-based, offensive or sexually explicit material using any of BUHSD's computer resources. I am responsible for not pursuing material that could be considered offensive. I understand that I am to notify a teacher, the technology department, or administration immediately if by accident I encounter materials which violate appropriate use.
7. I will use BUHSD technology resources productively and responsibly for school-related purposes only. I will not use the BUHSD network for non-educational uses including, but not limited to, Internet chatting, gaming, shopping, wagering, or gambling. I will not use any technology resource in such a way that my use would disrupt the educational activities of other users.
8. I will not attempt to bypass security settings or Internet filters, or interfere with the operation of the network by installing illegal software, shareware, or freeware on school computers.
9. I understand that vandalism is prohibited. I will not willfully damage or limit the functionality of a computer, either by intentionally spreading computer viruses or programs intended to do this or by damaging or removing any computer or networking hardware. I will not modify or destroy equipment, programs, files, or settings on any computer or other technology resource.
10. I will not violate any other user's rights to privacy including, but not limited to, students' grades and test scores and e-mail.
11. I will respect the intellectual property of other users and information providers. I will obey copyright guidelines. I will not plagiarize or use other's work without proper citation and permission.
12. I will not use or access files, software, or other resources owned by others without the owner's permission. I will use only those school network directories that are designated for my use or for the purpose designated by my teacher, the technology department, and/or administration.
13. I will follow all guidelines set forth by BUHSD and/or my teachers when publishing schoolwork online (e.g. to a website, blog, wiki, discussion board, podcasting or video server).
14. I understand the Internet is a source for information that is both true and false; and that the school is not responsible for inaccurate information obtained from the Internet.
15. I understand that BUHSD administrators will deem what conduct is inappropriate use if such conduct is not specified in this agreement.
16. I agree to abide by all Internet safety guidelines that are provided by the district and to complete all assignments related to Internet safety.
17. I will not post or attempt to post Internet messages without the permission of a teacher or administrator.

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**Log on instructions and first time use instructions written here.**

**I understand and agree to abide by the Buckeye Union High School District Student Agreement for Use of Technology Resources in Instruction. I understand that any violations may result in disciplinary action and the revocation of my use of computer, network and other technology services.**

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Student's Full Name (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
ID Number

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Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN AGREEMENT**

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read this agreement and understand that the use of the network is designed for education purposes and that student use for any other purpose is inappropriate. I understand that it is impossible for Buckeye Union High School District to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the District responsible for materials acquired on the District network. I hereby give my permission for my child to access and use technology resources including web and Internet based services which have been approved by BUHSD for student use.

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Parent or Guardian Full Name (Please print)

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date