

MIDDLEBROOK SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

STUDENT NETWORK/INTERNET USE

Policy Statement

The Trumbull Board of Education recognizes the educational value of technology and the benefit of its availability in the schools and, therefore, provides students access to interconnected computer systems within the District and to the Internet. This access will be contingent upon teacher supervision and prior classroom training. The purpose of this access is to promote the exchange of information to further education and research. With this educational opportunity comes the responsibility to protect the safety and welfare of the students.

In order for the District to be able to continue to make this access available, all students must take responsibility for its appropriate and lawful use. Students must understand that one student's misuse of the network and Internet may jeopardize the availability of this resource.

All users and their parents/guardians are advised that access to the electronic network includes the potential for access to materials inappropriate for school-aged students. All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that students are not accessing such material. These efforts will include filtering software and various methods of monitoring including, but not limited to, teacher supervision and electronic monitoring. While teachers and other staff will make reasonable efforts to supervise student use of this technology, they must have student and parent cooperation in exercising and promoting responsible use of this tool.

All students, without exception, will be required to have in place a signed Network/Internet Use Agreement before they are permitted access to the network/Internet. A new agreement will be required at the beginning of each level of school (elementary, middle, and high) or whenever a new student enters the system. Both the student and his/her parent/guardian must sign this agreement. If the student is 18 or older, a parent/guardian signature is not required.

The use of the network/Internet is a privilege, not a right. If any user violates this policy, access will be denied or withdrawn and the user may be subject to additional disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension and/or expulsion.

Sincerely,
Patricia Frillici, Principal

**Please return signed internet permission form
to teacher by September 25, 2020**

**Trumbull Public Schools
NETWORK/INTERNET USE AGREEMENT**

Summary Statement

The following Summary Statement is provided to explain principles of the Trumbull Board of Education Policy 6141.321, "Student Network/Internet Use." The full policy is posted on the Trumbull Public Schools website and is also available at the District and school offices.

The District provides access to its computer networks and the Internet for educational purposes only. If there is any doubt on the part of a user about whether a contemplated activity is educational, the activity should not be engaged in until the Principal or his/her designee makes a determination as to its instructional value.

The use of the network/Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use may result in the denial or withdrawal of access, and the user may be subject to additional disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension and/or expulsion.

The user is responsible for all of his/her actions and activities involving the network/Internet. Examples of user responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Keeping all accounts and passwords confidential.
- Logging on with own user id and password.
- Logging off when leaving a machine.
- Using a computer and/or personal electronic device only with teacher permission and supervision.
- Taking precautions to prevent computer viruses.

Examples of prohibited conduct involving the network/Internet include but are not limited to:

- Using Trumbull's instructional network or Internet access for commercial business use, political or religious advocacy purposes, or to execute a commercial transaction not related to school business.
- Accessing materials inappropriate for minors (i.e., those that are obscene, pornographic, harmful to minors, etc.).
- Violating the law or encouraging others to do so.
- Causing harm to others or damaging others' property (e.g., defamation, using another's password, misrepresenting oneself as another, uploading a harmful form of programming or vandalism, participating in "hacking" activities, etc.).
- Jeopardizing the security of outside networks on the Internet.
- Sending material critical of or which may be threatening or harassing to school administrators, teachers, staff, students, or anyone associated with the school District, or using the network or Internet to threaten or harass others.
- Disclosing personal information about oneself or another student.
- Intentionally bypassing Internet filters.

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Acknowledgment of Receipt

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Trumbull Public Schools Summary Statement provided to explain principles of the Trumbull Board of Education Policy 6141.321, "Student Network/Internet Use." Additional Board policies related to District network/Internet use are Policy 6141.323, "Internet Filtering," and 6141.328, "Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Protocol for the Use of Technology in the Schools." All policies are posted on the Trumbull Public Schools website and are also available at the District and school offices.

As a user of the Trumbull Public Schools computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the guidelines as set forth in the Summary Statement, as well as the regulations of Board Policy 6141.321.

Student Signature _____ Birthdate _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Trumbull Public Schools Summary Statement provided to explain principles of the Trumbull Board of Education Policy 6141.321, "Student Network/Internet Use." I have reviewed these with my child and understand what is acceptable use of the District network/Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held responsible for inappropriate use of the District network/Internet and that any unacceptable District network/internet conduct is unacceptable and result in the termination of access and possible disciplinary action as indicated by State Statute, Board Policy, and the Standard of Conduct. I am aware that some material on the Internet may be objectionable and that reasonable effort on the part of the District has been made to filter such material. I accept responsibility for guiding Internet use by setting and conveying standards for my son or daughter to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media, and release the Trumbull Public Schools and its members, employees, and agents from any claims in connection with use of the District Network or the Internet. I understand that the Trumbull Public Schools is not liable for any personal electronic device lost, stolen, or damaged on school grounds, during any school activities, or on District transportation. In addition, the responsibility to keep the device secure rests solely with the owner of the device.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Student _____

School _____ Grade _____

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