

Acceptable Use Policy Information Retrieval Systems Blue Valley High School

Blue Valley USD 384 is working to provide access to information retrieval systems for all students, faculty, and staff. Information retrieval system is a term, which includes all existing technologies related to computers and the Internet. Students must have permission from their parents or legal guardian to access information retrieval systems at school.

Inappropriate use of information retrieval systems will result in the loss of privileges and/or disciplinary action. Student's use of an information retrieval system in the school must be in support of education and research, and consistent with the curricular outcomes of the Blue Valley School System.

The following actions constitute unacceptable use of an information retrieval system:

- Using impolite, abusive or otherwise objectionable language in either public or private messages.
- Using an information retrieval system for non-school related activities.
- Using an information retrieval system illegally in ways that violate federal, state, or local laws, examples of illegal activities either by law or statute:
 - placing unlawful information
 - sending messages likely to result in the loss of the recipient's work
 - and sending chain letters or pyramid schemes to lists or individuals.
- Using for commercial purposes
- Using for political lobbying
- Changing any file that does not belong to the user
- sending or receiving copyrighted materials without permission
- Knowingly giving one's password to others
- Using another's password
- Sending or receiving pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network
- Circumventing security measures on school or remote computers or networks
- Attempting to gain access to another's resources, programs or data
- Vandalizing or any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user which includes the
 - uploading and creation of computer viruses
 - falsifying one's identity to others
 - downloading or installing any commercial software, shareware, or freeware unless directed to do so by school personnel
 - subscribing to List serves, UseNet news, and discussion groups unless allowed by school personnel

Any or all privileges of a user may be suspended for dishonoring the above expectations and other disciplinary or legal action may be taken. Use of technology and the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Violators will lose technology and Internet privileges. They may also be liable for other disciplinary and/or legal actions.

CONSEQUENCES

Three levels of punishment may be enforced by the administration. While the levels may be implemented in order, nothing prevents the administration from selecting any step depending on the facts and the severity of the violation.

Level 1: Warning

Student would lose access to the information retrieval system until a parent conference is held. Any additional loss of privileges as determined by the administration will be discussed in this conference.

Level 2: Pattern of abuse, repeated abuse, or flagrant violations

Student who, after a Level 1 warning, continues to engage in serious or persistent misbehavior by violating the district's previously communicated written standards of conduct may be removed from any information retrieval system privileges for the remainder of the school year or remaining school years and recommended for suspension.

Level 3: Expellable offense

Student could be expelled from school if he/she engages in conduct on an information retrieval system that contains the elements of the offense of criminal mischief, as defined by state and federal law. Any student expelled for misuse of technology will also lose computer privileges for the remainder of the school year or school years.

Liability

USD 384 makes no assurances of any kind, expressed or implied, regarding any Internet service provided. The school will not be responsible for any damages the user may suffer. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The school will not be responsible for the accuracy, nature or quality of information stored on school district disks, hard drives, or servers; nor for the accuracy, nature, or quality of information gathered through school provided Internet access. The school will not be responsible for personal property used to access school district computers or networks for school district provided Internet access. The school will not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from school provided access to the Internet.

Parental Advisory

It is extremely difficult for the school to completely regulate and monitor the information received or sent by students. As such, the school cannot assure parents that students will not view, create, send or receive objectionable media.

Parents and guardians of students should be aware that the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. In addition, it is possible to purchase certain goods and services via the Internet, which could result in unwanted financial obligation for which a student's parent or guardian would be liable. While the school's intent is to make Internet access available in order to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other material.

Student Agreement

I have read the policy on Acceptable Use of Information Retrieval Systems at Blue Valley USD 384, and I understand fully and agree to abide by the principles and guidelines it contains. I have read and agree to refrain from those actions, which are considered unacceptable to the proper use of information retrieval systems.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Agreement

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy for Information Retrieval Systems at Blue Valley USD 384 and discussed it's contents with my child. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I agree that my child must abide by the expectations listed in the Blue Valley Acceptable Use Policy. I further understand that if my child violates this policy, computer privileges may be suspended or revoked.

I also recognize that employees of the school or school system may not be able to restrict access to all controversial materials. I will not hold them responsible for materials my son or daughter acquires as a result of the use of the Internet from school facilities.

I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my student's use of information retrieval systems is outside the school setting using school equipment.

I hereby give my permission to Blue Valley USD 384 to permit my child to access and use the available information retrieval systems.

Parent Signature

Date