

## **Acceptable Use Policy Information Retrieval Systems Randolph Middle 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. Students must be willing to follow the rules of acceptable use for information retrieval systems at Blue Valley.

- Respect the rights of others.
- Passwords are not to be shared with anyone but the teacher. No user is to try to discover another user's password. No student user is permitted to access another user's private files. No user is to create, view or forward offensive or disruptive sounds, text or images.
- Respect the technology. Never do anything to damage the equipment on purpose. Never try things that you are not trained or permitted to do.
- Respect the Law. Do not copy work and call it your own. Always give proper credit to the author for words and images included in your work.
- Respect the purpose of school technology. Non-educational games and personal use are not allowed on school equipment. All work stored on school equipment may be accessed 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.

### **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 discussed the Blue Valley Acceptable Use Policy with my parent or guardian. I agree to abide by the expectations listed here.

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Student’s 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 its 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.

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Parent Signature

Date