

PLEASE PRINT:

Expected year of graduation from 12th grade: _____

Student's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY BLUFFTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS COMPUTER NETWORK-PIRATENET

Students are responsible for good behavior when using computers just as they are in a classroom or on a school bus. Communications on computer networks are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. These rules are stated in the student handbook that the district publishes. Access to computer networks, both local and global, is a privilege, not a right, and is provided to students who act in a considerate and responsible manner, and may be denied to those students who do not. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in the Schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

Trying to provide a complete list of rules for users would be a daunting task, although a rule list will be given below. Perhaps one rule will cover a lot of ground here. Let's call it the "mom" rule: If you can say it or type it or show it to your mom or your clergyman without being ashamed or embarrassed, it passes the "mom" test and is probably ok. The final decision as to what is inappropriate is the responsibility of the district administrators and their decisions are final.

Here are a few rules about what is definitely not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks, including the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
- Violating copyright laws
- Using others' passwords
- Trespassing in others' accounts, files, directories, or work, and harming or destroying data of another user
- Intentionally wasting resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes
- Posting personal information such as address or phone number on off-campus servers
- Activities deemed to be a security risk to the network

And what happens when there are violations? There may be a loss of access for the guilty party. Additional disciplinary action may result; the inappropriate behavior or language will be judged as a normal disciplinary procedure--the involvement of technology equipment does not necessarily invoke a special set of procedures. When applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

The District strives to provide error-free access to Internet content, but the District cannot be held liable for any lost, damaged, or unavailable information due to technical or other difficulties.

I, as the parent or legal guardian of _____ (Student's full legal name), have read and do understand the Board of Education's policy regarding use of computers, the Internet, e-mail and other on-line information resources.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I have read the Terms and Conditions. I understand and will abide by the stated terms and conditions for PirateNet. I further understand that violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, which may include expulsion, and/or appropriate legal action.

User Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Over for request for denial)

REQUEST FOR DENIAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS AND E-MAIL USAGE

Parents have the right to fill out and sign the form below, requesting that their child not be permitted access to e-mail and off-campus networks. District staff will make every effort to honor this request, but parents must recognize that the District has many computers and many computer users, so a child without access privileges may be able to gain access covertly on occasion and may observe textual or graphical information on another student's computer. If no form requesting access denial is turned in to school personnel, the district will assume that the child has permission to use email and off-campus information resources under the established board policy.

I hereby request, as the parent or legal guardian of _____

(Student's full legal name)

that my child **NOT** be given access to off-campus information networks and that my child *not be allowed* to send electronic mail or to read electronic mail sent to him/her.

I understand that District staff will strive to honor my request but it is possible that access may still occur on occasion. I understand that District staff bear no responsibility for any access that may occur when my child is not on school property during school hours.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date