

# POLICY

1997 - STUDENTS

BOE Policy #7810

## Student Use of Computerized Information Resources

Student use of the District's Computer System (hereafter "DCS") is conditioned upon written acknowledgment by all students and parents that they have received and reviewed the policy and regulations adopted to ensure acceptable use of the DCS. All such acknowledgments shall be kept on file in the respective building office.

Generally, the same standards of acceptable student conduct which apply to any school activity shall apply to use of the DCS. This policy does not attempt to articulate all required and/or acceptable uses of the DCS; nor is it the intention of this policy and corresponding regulations to define all inappropriate usage. The administrative regulations will further define general guidelines of appropriate student conduct and use as well as proscribed behavior. District students shall also adhere to the laws, policies and rules governing computers including, but not limited to, copyright laws, rights of software publishers, license agreements, and student rights of privacy created by federal and state law.

Students who engage in unacceptable use may lose access to the DCS and may be subject to further discipline under the District's school conduct and discipline policy and the Student Discipline Code of Conduct. The District reserves the right to pursue legal action against a student who willfully, maliciously and unlawfully damages or destroys property of the District. Further, the District may bring suit in civil court against the parents/legal guardians of any student who willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damages or destroys District property pursuant to General Obligations Law Section 3-112.

Student data files and other electronic storage areas will be treated like school lockers. This means that such areas shall be considered to be School District property subject to control and inspection. The computer coordinator or his/her designee may access all such files and communications to ensure system integrity and that users are complying with the requirements of this policy and accompanying regulations. Students should not expect that information stored on the DCS will be private.

The Superintendent or his/her designee is authorized to establish regulations as necessary to implement the terms of this policy.

Adopted November 5, 1997

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## REGULATION FOR POLICY #7810 STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES

### Purpose

The effective use of technology is important to our students and will be essential to them as adults. Access to the District's Computer System (DCS) which consists of software, hardware, computer networks and electronic communications systems will provide students with various computerized information resources. The DCS is for educational purposes and/or research use only and must be consistent with the goals and purposes of Bloomfield Central School.

### Access to the District Computer System

Students will not be permitted to use the DCS without specific authorization from the appropriate administrator and/or instructor. All students and their parents/guardians will receive a copy of the policy and regulation outlining the student's responsibility as a user of the DCS prior to gaining access to that system and will sign an "Acknowledgement of Receipt of Policy and Regulation" for Policy #7810. Students new to the District will be provided with the information through their respective buildings.

### District Computer System Guidelines

Storage areas on the DCS are school property and, as such, are subject to manipulation and review by school officials to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Students should not expect that files stored on the DCS will be private.

It shall be considered a violation of this regulation for a user of the DCS and/or the Internet to:

- Use the DCS to obtain, view, download, send, print, display, or otherwise gain access to or to transmit materials that are unlawful, obscene, pornographic, offensive, or abusive
- Use obscene or vulgar language
- Harass, insult, or attack others
- Damage, disable or otherwise interfere with the operation of computers, computer systems, software, or related equipment
- Violate copyright laws
- Disclose an individual password to others, or use others' passwords
- Trespass in another's folders, work, or files

- Intentionally waste limited resources
- Employ the DCS for commercial purposes or to purchase goods or services
- Request unnecessary and lengthy material that ties up system resources
- Attempt to circumvent any computer security measures imposed by the District or non-District organizations on the Internet
- Use the DCS inappropriately (including, but not limited to, using unauthorized software or hardware, printing non-school-related materials)
- Post personal contact information about oneself or someone else (including address, telephone number, etc.)

### **Consequences for Violating Policy and/or Regulation**

The District's response to violation of this regulation and/or its associated policy may include any or all of the following, where the Superintendent or his/her designee deems it appropriate:

1. Loss of access (temporary or long term)
2. Disciplinary action at the building level in accordance with existing practices and procedures regarding inappropriate language or behavior, as well as federal, state and local law
3. Law enforcement agency involvement

**BLOOMFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL**

**COMMUNITY USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF POLICY & REGULATION**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
*(please print)*

Building \_\_\_\_\_

We, \_\_\_\_\_ (student) and \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian),  
hereby acknowledge that we have received and read a copy of the Bloomfield School District's Policy,  
entitled "Student Use of Computerized Information Resources" (Policy #7810), and its associated  
administrative regulation (Regulation #7810).

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received and Filed \_\_\_\_\_

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