

Banner Public Schools Technology Contract

Appropriate Use of Technology

Access to computers and networking at Banner Public Schools is reliant on a set of responsibilities and obligations. It is granted subject to school policies, as well as state and federal laws. Given that Banner is a public institution, the appropriate use of school computing and network resources must have an academic focus.

Banner Public Schools network and computing services have been established for student, faculty, and administration use. The daily functioning of the school relies on this infrastructure; this reliance is founded on a trust among users. The violation of this trust is incompatible with the access to the school's computing resources and is grounds for progressive disciplinary action. If warranted, some behavior will be sent to law enforcement agencies for investigation.

Failures to use computers and networking appropriately fall into two broad categories:

1. Actions that interfere with the academic use of the computers (such as not maintaining chromebooks as per Banner policy, or disruptions to the etiquette of the classroom, such as not following teachers instructions, using games or instant messaging)
2. Actions that violate Banner Public Schools basic tenets of integrity and trust. (Such actions include use of the computers for harassment or intimidation, plagiarism, violation of privacy rights, violation of copyright laws)

Responsible Maintenance of Student Equipment

Students are responsible for ensuring that their technology is in working order. Such technology includes but is not limited to chromebooks and all external pieces and or iPads and all external pieces.

Responsible Use of Banner Public Schools Network

At Banner the following is expressly prohibited

1. Distribution and use of hacking, cracking and remote control software.
2. Deliberate distribution or use of virus and Trojan horse software or behavior that could reasonably be expected to open the network to such software.
3. Denial, restriction, or monitoring of network access by other users.
4. Accessing in any way whatever, another person's (or the schools) computer without authorization, or using another's passwords or accounts, or sharing your own.
5. Leaving your session open or unattended (users are responsible for all activity on their accounts).
6. Viewing, downloading, and distribution of pornography or other objectionable materials.
7. Unauthorized reconfiguration of any networked device.

8. The Banner Public Schools network constitutes public property and may not be used to support or oppose political candidates, initiatives, ballot measures or for lobbying activities.
9. Use of school networks and computing services to violate copyright laws.
10. Use of school provided email to harass others. This includes google classroom, google meets, and google chat.
11. Filtering services are in use on all computers with access to the internet. The filtering service must be active on any computer on the Banner Public School's network
12. Banner Public Schools network is the property of Banner Public Schools and the district reserves the right to monitor any users use of the system, including both inbound and outbound communication, at any time and for any purpose. Users have no reasonable expectation of privacy in their use of the system.

Classroom Etiquette In Use of Computer

It is critical that in a wireless environment that students follow the classroom guidelines listed below and any specific directives provided by the classroom educator. Students must also carefully follow educator directions for use of the wireless network during exams. General guidelines for computer use during class include but are not limited to the following.

1. Students must immediately close screens when the educator asks for all the screens to be closed.
2. Students must not use games during class or other academic activities unless expressly permitted by the educator.
3. Students must follow educator directions for when it is appropriate or inappropriate to connect to the network or use the internet.
4. Students must never be in chat rooms, using instant messaging, or playing unauthorized games during class.

Students are always responsible for the work assigned. Loss of a computer or its components, inability to keyboard, problems with printing, or lack of back-up copies do not excuse students from completing work. Educators shall establish rules for daily computer use and for classroom projects. With the exception of the software provided by Banner Public Schools and with the exception of expressly stated permission from the educator, no computer games will be allowed at Banner Public Schools at any time.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use of Computer Technology

1. Instances of inappropriate technology use will result in loss of internet privileges or even loss of computer privileges at the discretion of Banner Public Schools administration.
2. For multiple instances of inappropriate use of technology that is a disruption of classroom etiquette. Educators will send an email and or written warning to the student, parent and administrators.
3. If there are more than two warnings, the student will be referred for recommendations on further consequences.
4. Additional consequences following inappropriate use will vary with the nature of the problem. Among the possible consequences are the following

1. Removal of particular software from the laptop
2. Loss of networking privileges.
3. Required computer audits.
4. Required paper packets
5. Suspension, probation, or expulsion
5. More serious violations (such as inappropriate network use during an exam) will be dealt with immediately by the Banner administration team.
6. Certain violations of this policy (such as using any computer to harass or send hate mail) may require Banner Public Schools to contact the appropriate law enforcement agency.
7. Loss of technology privileges in one class will result in loss of technology in all classes.

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Student Name (Print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name (Print): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____