

Butte County Office of Education Acceptable Use Agreement
Student Use of Technology

Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) intends that technological resources provided by BCOE be used in a safe, responsible, and proper manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning. Students are authorized to use BCOE equipment to access the Internet or other online services in accordance with BCOE Superintendent's policy, the user obligations, and responsibilities specified below, and BCOE's Acceptable Use Agreement.

Butte County Office of Education Policy

- a. Butte County Office of Education uses an Internet utility system, which blocks or filters Internet access to some web sites in compliance with the Federal Children's Internet Protection Act. The technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access may be modified by a Butte County Office of Education staff member for bona fide research purposes.
- b. Butte County Office of Education staff will monitor students' use of the Internet, through either direct supervision, or by monitoring Internet use history, to ensure enforcement of the policy.
- c. Student conduct as it pertains to technology use is covered in Superintendents Policy and Administrative Regulations 6163.4 and 5131.

Online/Internet Services: User Obligations and Responsibilities

- a) The student in whose name an online services account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall keep personal account numbers and passwords private and shall only use the account to which they have been assigned.
- b) Students shall use the Butte County Office of Education system safely, responsibly, and primarily for educational purposes.
- c) Students shall not access, post, submit, publish, or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.
Harmful matter includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, and appeals to the prurient interest and is matter which depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct and which lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors. (Penal Code 313)
- d) Unless otherwise instructed by school personnel, students shall not disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using email, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communication. Students also shall be cautioned not to disclose such information by other means to individuals contacted through the Internet without the permission of their parents/guardians.
Personal information includes the student's name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personally identifiable information.
- e) Students shall not use the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, nor shall they promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law, Superintendent Policy, or administrative regulations.
- f) Students shall not use the system to engage in commercial or other for-profit activities.
- g) Students shall not use the system to bully, threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule other students or staff.
- h) Copyrighted material shall be posted online only in accordance with applicable copyright laws. Any materials utilized for research projects should be given proper credit as with any other printed source of information.
- i) Students shall not intentionally upload, download, or create computer viruses and/or maliciously attempt to harm or destroy Butte County Office of Education equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking."
- j) Students shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive email, nor shall they attempt to read, delete, copy, modify, or use another individual's identity.
- k) Students shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the teacher or principal.
- l) Students are expected to participate in and complete an Online Safety Course.

Butte County Office of Education reserves the right to monitor use of the BCOE system for improper use without advance notice or consent. Students shall be informed that computer files and electronic communications, including email, are not private and may be accessed by Butte County Office of Education for the purpose of ensuring proper use.

Whenever a student is found to have violated Superintendent policy, administrative regulation, or Butte County Office of Education's Acceptable Use Agreement, the principal or designee may cancel or limit a student's user privileges or increase supervision of the student's use of all school technological resources, as appropriate. Inappropriate use also may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Superintendent policy.

Any violation of school policy or rules may result in loss of school-provided access to technology. Additional disciplinary action may be determined in keeping with existing school policies and procedures. When and where applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

** Superintendent and Administrative Policies are available upon request or may be found online at <http://www.bcoe.org/home/policies/default.htm>. Items a-k of this policy are adapted from items 1-11 in AR6163.4(a)