

TECHNOLOGY USE AGREEMENT (ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY)

As we guide the educational journey of our students toward their roles as global citizens, Josiah Bartlett Elementary School is pleased to offer access to computers and the Internet. Our goals in providing these tools to the students are to enrich our curriculum and to bring the community into the school and the school into the community. Through the use of technology, our students will be able to access information from a variety of sources. Students will be able to organize, analyze and publish information using various software programs. Our students will also be able to share information via e-mail, electronic field trips, and the JBES website.

With access to the Internet comes the availability of information that may not be appropriate in an educational setting. JBES is taking available precautions to minimize the possibility of a user accessing inappropriate materials by combining *blocking software and adult supervision*. It is our policy of Internet safety to include monitoring the online activities of minors and using blocking software. Our blocking software blocks/filters Internet access to certain visual depictions for both minors and adults. When adults are using the Internet, material that is obscene or contains child pornography will be blocked or filtered. The blocking software will not be turned off (from the Children's Internet Protection Act). However, it is impossible to control all of the materials which are presented on the Internet and therefore, the users must take responsibility for the information that they access. Users must be aware that all school policies apply to the use of technology. In addition, the users must be aware of the following 'Terms and Conditions' for technology use:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR TECHNOLOGY USE

1. The purpose of using technology in our school is to enhance the educational opportunities available to our students. Use of technology must be for educational/school purposes only. Use of the Internet (including student use of e-mail for educational purposes) by users is not considered private and may be monitored at any time by the school.
2. Students must receive permission from a supervising staff person each time they wish to access the Internet. Any person under age 18 must adhere to these terms and conditions.
3. Network Etiquette – Users are expected to follow the rules of Internet use.
4. Students/community members using school computers in the library must sign-in on the form at the computer.

The following are not allowed:

- Providing names, addresses, telephone numbers, credit card numbers, or other private information

- sending photographs
- selling or purchasing anything
- examining, changing, deleting, or use another person's files, output, or user names without explicit authorization to do so
- knowingly accessing obscene, hateful, or other objectionable materials
- knowingly sending or receiving any material which is obscene or defamatory, or which is intended to annoy, harass, or intimidate another person
- uploading or downloading without permission
- attempting to enter any unauthorized systems
- interfering with the operation of the network through the spread of computer viruses or other activity which slows or damages the network
- participating in chat rooms or Instant Messaging
- performing uses of the Internet identified to be inappropriate by a supervising staff person or the network administrator
- changing display settings and/or arrangement of desktop icons
- unauthorized access, including hacking and other unlawful activities
- deleting history files

JBES is proud of our students' technological achievements. In an effort to publicly recognize their work, we may publish student work on our site with their initials.

The Bartlett Public Library has an Internet/Computer policy that we ask you to review. Note that the Public Library has a designated computer for Adult Use Only.

Josiah Bartlett Elementary School feels that the benefits of Internet access for our students outweigh the possibility that a student may access material which is not educational in nature. The individual parents and students of JBES, however, must make this decision. Therefore, we ask that you (parents and students) discuss this and determine whether the benefits of the Internet outweigh the potential risks for your family.

If you choose to permit your child to use the school-provided Internet, please indicate this with your signature below. **By signing this form, the parent/guardian agrees not to hold Josiah Bartlett Elementary School responsible or liable for material acquired or contacts made through the use of the Internet.**

Return the signed agreement to your child's classroom teacher/advisor and keep this Technology Use Agreement for future reference. Please be aware that the use of computers and the Internet is a privilege and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of this privilege.

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**JOSIAH BARTLETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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I understand that I am responsible for my own behavior and I agree to follow the policy of this Technology Use Agreement. I understand that failure to do so may result in a loss of technology privileges, school disciplinary action, and/or legal action. Any infraction of this agreement will be reviewed by a member/members of the Internet Committee.

Student Name (please print) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN

I have reviewed this Technology Use Policy with my child (named above). I understand that precautions are being taken to minimize the possibility of accessing inappropriate material. I further understand that no precautions can guarantee that inappropriate material will not be accessed. I agree not to hold Josiah Bartlett Elementary School responsible or liable for material acquired or contacts made through the use of the Internet.

I agree to allow my child to use the Internet at Josiah Bartlett Elementary School.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Upon receipt of this signed agreement, your child will be asked to demonstrate responsible use of the Internet and then they will receive an Internet Driver's License.