

WP Technology Acceptable Use Policy

Accounts:

Students will be issued a unique account for access to computers and the internet for the duration of their enrollment. Students are expected to keep the password for their account(s) secret. Any violations of policy will be deemed to be the responsibility of the user logged in at the time.

Data retention: upon withdraw from WPAS, student accounts are deactivated but retained for one year, at which time they will be deleted. Students returning within that time will have their accounts reactivated.

*****Seniors, your accounts will be deactivated in August following graduation! Please save any work/contacts/etc. to a new account before this deadline. Also, please create a personal email account for communications with colleges, trade schools, etc. If they try to contact you by your WPAS account when it is deactivated, you will no longer be able to be contacted by them.**

Google Apps for Education (GAFE):

WPAS has a GAFE account and can create individual Google accounts for all students. These accounts include access to a school managed email, as well as other tools such as Docs (word processor, spreadsheet, presentation tools, and calendar to be used for school related work.

These accounts are issued to the students, just as any textbook would be issued to a student, and managed by the district Technology Supervisor.

As WPAS is moving to online teaching tools, an account for online access is necessary for students. The information in these accounts is hosted on Google's servers, giving students anywhere, anytime access to their tools and materials. This will allow your student to meet the National Educational Technology Standards as they progress through their education at WPAS. This is a necessity for all students to have access to common tools in an ever changing and competitive world.

Security:

WPAS receives our internet connection from Bay-Arenac ISD. BAISD possesses and maintains the firewall and content filter for the network. While we work hard to protect students from inappropriate content, no filter is perfect and students may come across inappropriate content. We will update the filter programming upon inappropriate access being reported.

Conduct:

Students are responsible for good behavior just as they are when they are in session in the school buildings. It is illegal to use obscene, profane, threatening, or disrespectful language. Communication with others should be course related. Students should never say anything in an email that they would not mind seeing on the school website or in the local newspaper. Students should notify their teacher or other staff of anything inappropriate or that makes them uncomfortable. Bullying will not be tolerated and the privacy of others should be respected at all times.

Privacy:

As with any other school resource, the School Board and administration reserve the right to access and review content in the GAFE system at any time, consistent with board policies. The School Board complies with all state and federal privacy laws.

Damage:

Students/parents will be held financially responsible for intentional damage or damage caused through carelessness.

Partnerships:

As with any educational endeavor, we feel a strong partnership with families is essential to a successful experience. By agreeing to the handbook I authorize the district to consent to the sharing of information about my child to website operators as necessary to enable my child to participate in any program, course, or assignment requiring such consent under the Children's Online Privacy Act.

Points for students include, but are not limited to:

- I will only use district computers, devices, and/or internet service for schoolwork and school related activities, and as directed by teachers or other staff.
- I will not use district computers, devices, and/or internet service to look up websites that are inappropriate for a school setting, including, but not limited to pornography, weapons, alcohol, tobacco, etc.
- If I accidentally find myself on an inappropriate website, I will notify a teacher or other staff immediately.
- If I am sent something online that is inappropriate, I will notify a teacher or other staff immediately.
- I will not use District computers, devices, and internet service to bully or otherwise cause harm to anyone.
- If someone is using District computers, devices, and internet service to bully or otherwise cause harm to anyone, I will notify a teacher or other staff immediately.
- I will not intentionally damage or interfere with the operation of district computers, devices, or internet systems. I understand that if I cause damage to district property, I will be held financially responsible for the cost of repairs or replacement.
- I will not use district computers, devices, and/or internet service to cheat on assignments or tests, or help others to do so.
- I will not copy anything I see on a computer or the internet and claim it is my own work. This is plagiarism and it is illegal.
- I will keep any passwords I am given for access to district systems secret from others.
- I understand that any district issued device or account is not private, and that staff of the district may view any activity on any device.
- I understand the school has a filtering device in place to protect against inappropriate content, which means that some content may be blocked. I will not interfere with or attempt to bypass this content filter system.
- I understand that if I break any of these rules, I may be disciplined and may lose my privilege of using district computers, devices, and/or internet service, or limited to only school approved sites.

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