

## **Ballard R-II School (Honor Code) for Internet, WiFi, and Technology Acceptable Use Agreement**

Ballard R-II School is pleased to offer students access to a computer network and educational use of the Internet. All students must obtain parental permission as verified by the signatures on the form below.

### **Internet Uses**

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, museums, and many other repositories of information around the world. By state law, nearly all students will complete state assessments online beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Everyone should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive. While the goals of the school are to use Internet resources for constructive educational goals, students may find ways to access other materials. Ballard will use Internet filtering software to guard against inappropriate material, but no software can guarantee 100% filtering.

### **Expectations**

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the school's computer network just as they are in a classroom or on a school playground. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. It is expected that users will comply with district standards and the specific guidelines set forth below. The use of the network is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if abused.

### **Technology**

A student is able to utilize technology items from the school by checking them out appropriately. No school items will be allowed to be transported home. If a device (computer, lap top, etc.) has been misused the student will be suspended from utilizing the school's technology equipment. Suspension will vary based upon offense.

Students are not able to bring a handheld device (lap top, ipod, mp3 player, tablet, cell phone, etc.) into classrooms unless prior arrangements and approval has been made by the teacher and only if it is for classroom use (instruction, projects, etc.)

### **Ballard R-II School District – Internet Honor Code**

1. The use of all computer and technological resources shall be for educational purposes.
2. Access to computer resources will be monitored by adult supervision.
3. Users shall not intentionally access inappropriate material, nor show others how to do the same.
4. Computer resources shall not be used to destroy data, information, or resources.
5. Computer resources may not be used to harm others, verbally, emotionally or financially.
6. Supervisors have the right to identify resources accessed and to attest to their educational and classroom appropriateness.
7. Students are responsible for properly maintaining their computer account, data, & password.
8. Rules and regulations posted or administered by the supervisor must be adhered to by the users. (Violations are part of the "Disciplinary Responses to Student Misconduct")
9. Personal information, such as full name, address, etc., shall not be disclosed without parental and/or supervisor's consent. (On administration approved work – only.)
10. Users will respect and uphold copyright laws.
11. Users will respect the rights and privacy of other computer users, both locally and globally.
12. Searches for security problems will be conducted only by approved employees.

13. Users will not attempt to create or distribute computer viruses.
14. It is the user's duty to inform the supervisor of any person or persons who are not adhering to the rules and regulations set forth by the Ballard R-II School. (This is a basic part of the District Honor Code.)
15. Downloading or live streaming of media (music, videos, applications, etc.), texting, and use of social media without expressed teacher consent is prohibited.
16. Teachers may allow the use of personal devices during class time only for classroom educational use.
17. Students may use personal handheld electronic devices before/after school and at lunch unless they become a hindrance to others around them (students, staff, community).

**Disciplinary Actions:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense- Device confiscated and loss of internet/computer privileges for the remainder of the day. Device can be picked up in the office after school.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense- Device confiscated and loss of internet/computer privileges for 5 school days. Parent must pick up the device. Device must be checked in at the office during school hours for the duration of the suspension.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense- Device confiscated and loss of internet/computer privileges for 10 school days. Parent must pick up the device. Device must be checked in at the office during school hours for the duration of the suspension.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense- Device confiscated and loss of internet/computer privileges for 15 school days. Parent must pick up the device. Device must be checked in at the office during school hours for the duration of the suspension.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Offense- Refer to the Superintendent for further disciplinary action.

**Computer Use- Internet- WiFi Consent Form**

I/We have discussed and agree to abide by the expectations of the Ballard R-II School when using computer resources, tools, and wireless internet access provided by the school. (see Internet Honor Code and Handbook Policies)

Student Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_