

Somerset Berkley Regional School District
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Internet Acceptable Use Policy

In order for students to use the Somerset Berkley Regional School District Internet connection directly, they must read these guidelines and sign the contract. The contract must be returned signed by a parent or guardian. These same guidelines are the expectations for all those using this connection as guests via connections from other Internet providers.

Internet --Guidelines for Use

The Internet is a vast, global network, linking computers at universities, high schools, science labs, and other sites. Through the Internet, one can communicate with people all over the world through a number of discussion forums, as well as through electronic mail. In addition, many files are available for downloading on the Internet, many of which are of educational value. Because of its enormous size, the Internet's potential is boundless. It is possible to speak with everyone from prominent scientists to world leaders to a friend at college. However, with such great potential for education also comes some potential for abuse. It is the purpose of this list of guidelines, as well as the contract for Internet use, to make sure that all who use the Internet, both students and faculty, use this valuable resource in an appropriate manner.

The most important prerequisite for someone to receive an Internet account is that they take full responsibility for their own actions. The Somerset Berkley Regional School system, along with the other organizations sponsoring this Internet link-up, will not be liable for the actions connecting to Internet. All users shall assume full liability, legal, financial, or otherwise, for their actions.

In addition, the Somerset Berkley Regional School District takes no responsibility for any information or materials that are transferred through Internet.

Because of the size of the Internet, many kinds of materials eventually find their way onto the system. Should any user happen to find materials, which may be deemed inappropriate while using the Somerset Berkley Regional School District's Internet account, they shall refrain from downloading this material, and shall not identify or share the location of this material. Be aware that the transfer of certain kinds of materials is illegal, and punishable by fine or jail sentence. Downloading of music is forbidden and will not be tolerated. Playing of computer games is not authorized.

The Somerset Berkley Regional School District makes no guarantees, implied or otherwise, regarding the reliability of the data connection. Neither Somerset Berkley Regional School District, nor the sponsor organizations, shall be liable for any loss or corruption of data, resulting while using the Internet connection. The Somerset Berkley Regional School District

reserves the right to examine all data stored in the machines involved in the Internet link to make sure that all users are in compliance with these regulations. No user shall use this Internet link to perform any act that may be construed as illegal or unethical, including the use of the link to gain unauthorized access to other systems on the network.

The Somerset Berkley Regional School District's administration reserves the right to change these rules at any time without notice.

The Somerset Berkley Regional Public School District strongly condemns the illegal distribution of software, otherwise known as pirating. Any student caught transferring such files through Internet, and any whose account are found to contain such illegal files, may have their accounts permanently revoked. In addition, all users shall be aware that software piracy (including downloading of music files) is a federal offense and is punishable by fine or imprisonment.

Finally, all users shall keep in mind that when they use the Internet, they are entering a global community, and any actions taken by them will reflect upon the school system as a whole. As such, all users must behave in an ethical and legal manner. Cyber Bullying will not be tolerated, participating in Cyber Bullying will be dealt with in accordance within Cyber Bullying Policies at the school level.

Before individuals gain access to the Internet, they need to familiarize themselves with the following rules of conduct:

- * Adhere to copyright agreements.
- * Avoid the deliberate or inadvertent spread of computer viruses
- * Do not use another person's files without permission.
- * Do not destroy, abuse, or modify in any way the school's hardware or software.
- * Do not place unlawful information on the Internet.
- * Do not use the Internet for commercial purposes, product advertisement, or political lobbying.
- * Do not download, store, or print files that are profane or obscene.
- * Do not post personal information. This includes yours or another student's home phone number or address.

How to log on to the network

You might have to click on the box that says *Advanced* to see all options available.

When logging into the server, use your User Name which should be the:

Yearofgraduation/lastnameinitial

Example: 14doej

Year of graduation = 2014

Last name = Doe

First name = John

Your temporary password is 123456, when you return your signed *Acceptable Use Policy*, the computer department will open your account, enter your user name, enter your temporary password, you will be directed to change your password.

Make sure your context (see box in sample above) is *students.HS*. If not, click on the *Contexts* button on the right side and choose the *students* context and hit *OK*.

Tree and *Server* should default to what is required, if they are not *SPS* for *tree* and *HS_ACAD* for *server*, please make the appropriate choices as described for the context.

Please sign out of the computer when you are finished to safeguard your work. Please visit the computer department in the back of the library if you are having any difficulties.

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Acknowledgment of Acceptable Use Policy

This form is used to acknowledge receipt of, and compliance with the Somerset Berkley Regional Public School District's Acceptable Use Policy (as published on the Somerset Berkley Public School's web site (www.sbregional.org) see the link on the High School's page).

Procedure

Complete the following steps:

1. Read the Acceptable Use Policy.
2. Sign and date in the spaces provided below.

Return **this page only** to the Ray Nekrasz, Director of Technology, via home room teachers, guidance or in person.

Signature

By signing below, I agree to the following terms:

- i. I have received and read a copy of the "Acceptable Use Policy" and understand the same;
- ii. I understand that violating the "Acceptable Use Policy" may result in the revoked privilege of use of the Somerset Berkley Regional School District's computer network.
- iii. This document will be in effect for the duration of enrollment or until a new acceptable use policy is published and requires updating.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Year of Graduation: _____

Date: _____