

Instruction**SUBJECT: COMPUTER USE IN INSTRUCTION**

The Nassau BOCES Board is committed to optimizing student learning and teaching. The Nassau BOCES Board considers student access to a computer network, including the Internet, to be a powerful and valuable educational and research tool and encourages the use of computers and computer-related technology in classrooms for the purpose of advancing and promoting learning and teaching.

The computer network can provide a forum for learning through various software applications and online databases, bulletin boards and electronic mail and can significantly enhance educational experiences and provide statewide, national and global communication opportunities for staff and students.

All users of the agency's computer network and the Internet must understand that use is a privilege, not a right, and that use entails responsibility. The agency reserves the right to control access to the Internet for all users of its computers and network. The agency may allow or prohibit certain kinds of online activity and access to specific websites.

Regulations and handbooks, to be developed by the District Superintendent, and/or his/her designee in consultation with appropriate staff, shall provide specific guidance on acceptable and prohibited uses, as well as rules governing the use and security of the agency's computer network. All users of the agency's computer network and equipment shall comply with this policy and regulation. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action as well as suspension and/or revocation of computer access privileges.

The District Superintendent and/or his/her designee shall be responsible for designating an individual to oversee the use of agency computer resources. The appropriate program administrator shall prepare in-service programs for the training and development of staff in computer skills and for the incorporation of computer use in appropriate subject areas.

With increased concern about identity theft, unwarranted invasion of privacy and the need to protect personally identifiable information, prior to students being directed by staff to use any cloud-based educational software/application, staff must get approval from the appropriate program administrator. This administrator shall determine if a formal contract is required or if the terms of service are sufficient to address privacy and security requirements and if parental/guardian permission is needed.

Cross-ref: 5300, Code of Conduct
5695, Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices

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**AGREEMENT FOR STUDENT USE OF BOCES
COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES**

In consideration of the ability to use the Nassau BOCES' Computer System (NBCS), I agree that I have been provided with a copy of the Nassau BOCES' policy on student use of computerized information resources and the regulations established in connection with that policy. I agree to adhere to the policy and the regulations and to any changes or additions later adopted by the Nassau BOCES Board. I also agree to adhere to related policies published in the Student Handbook.

I understand that failure to comply with these policies and regulations may result in the loss of my access to the NBCS. Prior to suspension or revocation of access to the NBCS, I will be afforded applicable due process rights. Such violation of Nassau BOCES policy and regulations may also result in the imposition of discipline under the Nassau BOCES' school conduct and discipline policy and the Student Discipline Code of Conduct. I further understand that the Nassau BOCES reserves the right to pursue legal action against me if I willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damage or destroy property of the Nassau BOCES. Further, the Nassau BOCES may bring suit in civil court pursuant to General Obligations Law Section 3-112 against my parents/guardians if I willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damage or destroy Nassau BOCES property.

(Blank lines for items of student information)

Student Signature

Date

School Building

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PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT

I am the parent/guardian of _____, the student who has signed the Nassau BOCES' agreement for student use of computerized information resources. I have been provided with a copy and I have read the Nassau BOCES' policy and regulations concerning use of the Nassau BOCES Computer System (NBCS).

I also acknowledge receiving notice that, unlike most traditional instructional or library media materials, the NBCS will potentially allow my son/daughter student access to external computer networks not controlled by the Nassau BOCES. I understand that some of the materials available through these external computer networks may be inappropriate and objectionable and I acknowledge that it is impossible for the Nassau BOCES to screen or review all of the available materials. I accept responsibility to set and convey standards for appropriate and acceptable use to my son/daughter when using the NBCS or any other electronic media or communications.

I agree to release the Nassau BOCES, the Nassau BOCES Board, its agents and employees from any and all claims of any nature arising from my son/daughter's use of the NBCS in any manner whatsoever.

I agree that my son/daughter may have access to the NBCS and I agree that this may include remote access from our home.

Parent/Guardian Signature and Other Information

Date

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