

Berlin Central School District Student Acceptable Use Policy

Acceptable Uses of the Computer Network and Internet:

The use of the district's computer network resources must be in support of the vision, mission and goals of the Berlin Central School District. Electronic e-mail, Internet activities, and network data are property of the BCSD and, therefore, are not guaranteed to be private.

General Use

The purpose of the district computer network is to provide access to a wide variety of instructional resources in an effort to enhance educational opportunities. Berlin Central School District assumes no responsibility for the quality or accuracy of material found on the Internet, although all district instructional personnel will make every effort to guide students to educational web sites.

Internet Safety

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, the district has filtering software on all Internet accessible computers. This software and personal supervision will provide safeguards against users accessing obscene, pornographic and other harmful materials.

Consequences for Failure to Comply with the AUP

Failure to comply with any of the policies or guidelines related to computer network resources will result in appropriate disciplinary action including, but not limited to:

- Loss of usage privileges related to computer network resources
- Monetary restitution for any damages caused
- Possible civil or criminal proceedings
- Loss of other school privileges
- Detention
- Suspension from school
- Any other school penalties deemed appropriate including, but not limited to student disciplinary actions

Guidelines and Policies Regulating the Use of Computer/Network Resources in the Berlin Central School District:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Berlin Central School District is pleased to offer to our students access to the Internet and other computer network resources. The Internet gives students and staff access to a wide variety of resources for accessing information and communicating with others. Our goal in providing Internet and network access is to promote our educational mission by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

With this educational opportunity also comes much responsibility. It is important that you and your children read, discuss and understand the districts Acceptable Use Policy

(AUP), which outlines the districts regulations and requirements for using the Internet and computer network. In the school setting, students working with our computer/network resources will be supervised in accordance with the district policies and regulations enclosed. Inappropriate use of the Internet and computer network resources will result in the loss of this privilege or other consequences for the student.

Though the benefits of our network/computer resources are enormous, parents need to be especially aware that the Internet is an OPEN system and therefore contains materials and information that some may find inappropriate. Through technological safeguards and personal supervision, district staff will make every effort to prevent your child's access of inappropriate materials on the Internet.

Please read and discuss with your child the Acceptable Use Policy and Regulations. Return the enclosed form to your child's building principal indicating your permission or denial of permission for your child to use the Internet and district computer/network resources.

Your signed permission or denial of permission will be on file in the District Starbase Student Management System. A new AUP form will be issued when your child changes to a different school within the district. If you wish to change your **original** AUP form, please contact the building principal.

New AUP Timeline

Berlin Elementary	Incoming K	Good through Grade 5
Grafton Elementary	Incoming K	Good through Grade 3
Stephentown Elementary	Incoming K	Good through Grade 3
Berlin Elementary	Incoming Grade 4	Good through Grade 5
Berlin Middle School	Incoming Grade 6	Good through Grade 8
Berlin High School	Incoming Grade 9	Good through Grade 12

**Berlin Central School District
Internet Access Permission Form**

Student Section:

Name _____ Year of Graduation _____
School _____

I have read and discussed the Berlin Central School District's Acceptable Use Policy for Internet and computer network use with my parents and teachers. I agree to follow its guidelines. I understand that if I do not follow these guidelines, my access to the Internet and Berlin Central School District computer network will be suspended or revoked.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Parent/Guardian Section:

My child and I read, discussed and understand the Internet and computer network use guidelines as outlined in the Berlin Central School District's Acceptable Use Policy. I realize that school staff will do their best to provide only educationally sound material.

In consideration for the privilege of my child's using the District's computer network system and in consideration for having access to public computer networks, I hereby release the Berlin Central School District, its operators, and any institution with which they are affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my or my child's use or inability to use the computer network, including, without limitation, the type of damages identified in the District's policy and regulations.

I give my child permission to use the Berlin Central School District's computer network and Internet to obtain academic information for research based work.

YES NO

I agree to allow my child's work to be published on an Internet accessible server.

YES NO

I give permission for my child's photograph to be published on the Internet and for school related and media related events.

YES NO

I give permission for my child to be in videos taken and used in school related and media related events.

YES NO

I give permission for my child's photograph to be displayed IN SCHOOL ONLY and for CLASS PROJECTS.

YES NO

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____