

Statement of Purpose

This document outlines the proper and acceptable use of all aspects of the Barre Supervisory Union (BSU) computers. Barre Supervisory Union computers enhance school curriculum by serving as a resource for improving and enriching teaching and learning in the Barre schools. However, it is important to remember that access is a privilege, not a right, and carries with it responsibilities for all involved.

Responsibilities

All users will assume full liability—legal, financial, or otherwise—for their actions when using BSU computers.

Acceptable Uses

The school district provides access to information technology for educational purposes only. Information technology extends the classroom, and all school rules and policies apply.

- a) All users must abide by rules of network etiquette. Be polite and considerate. Use appropriate behavior, language and graphics.
- b) Teachers may allow individuals to use email and web tools for strictly educational purposes and under supervision. The use of blogs, podcasts or other web tools is considered an extension of the classroom. Any speech that is considered inappropriate in the classroom is also inappropriate in all online uses. c) No personal addresses, phone numbers, or last names of students will be given out on the Internet. No identifiable photographs will be allowed to be published on the Internet without written parental consent.

Privacy

Network and Internet access is provided as a tool for your education. Authorized BSU staff may inspect any materials transferred or stored on a BSU computer for any reason at any time without prior notice. BSU staff has the right to remove inappropriate materials and to take disciplinary action. There should be no expectation of privacy.

Copyright and Fair Use

All users will respect copyright laws for print, media, and software licensing agreements and will adhere to accepted standards for academic integrity.

Acceptable Use Policy Violations

Involvement in these or any similar activities will result in disciplinary action:

- a) Intentional circumvention of the firewall (such as proxy servers or email services) is strictly prohibited.
- b) Hacking, including the accessing, storing, transferring, altering, deleting, installing or downloading files without authorization.
- c) Use that causes harm to others or damage to property.
- d) Use that does not respect the rights and privacy of others including threatening, profane, harassing, bullying, hate-speech, or abusive language.
- e) Use for commercial ventures.
- f) Use that invades or violates the privacy of another user.
- g) Misrepresenting oneself as another user.
- h) Involvement in any activity prohibited by law, including copyright violation.

Such activity is considered a crime under state and federal law and may be referred to the appropriate legal authorities.

Disciplinary Action May Include

- a) Cancellation or restriction of access privileges
- b) Additional disciplinary action
- c) Legal action

Internet Safety

As required by law, the BSU filters Internet content. Every user must take responsibility for his or her use of the network and Internet. The school monitors the online activities of users through direct observation and technological means.

The following is a separate document and not part of the policy.

Barre Supervisory Union
Acceptable Use Policy and Internet Safety 2009-2010
Consent Form

As a parent or legal guardian of, _____
I have read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy and I agree to the following:

(Please initial where appropriate)

_____As the parent or legal guardian of the student named above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access and use school computers.

_____As the parent or legal guardian of the student named above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to, the U61 Network, and **Internet** provided by the Barre Supervisory Union.

_____As a parent or legal guardian or the student named above, I grant permission for my son or daughter's photo without identifying name or caption to appear on any district, school, or teacher website connected with the Barre Supervisory Union.

_____As a parent or legal guardian or the student named above, I grant permission for my son or daughter's school work to be published without identifying name or caption to appear on any district, school, or teacher website connected with the Barre Supervisory Union.

Child's Name (Please Print): _____

Child's School: _____

Parent phone number: _____

Parent email address : _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent (Guardian) Signature: _____