

Benjamin Banneker Charter Academy of Technology

We are pleased to announce that access to the school wide network, as well as the **Internet**, is available to students and staff in our school who qualify. To qualify, students and parents must read, sign and return our *Acceptable Use Policy* which was given to students during the first week of school.

The staff of **Benjamin Banneker Charter Academy of Technology** strongly believes in the educational value of technology and recognizes its potential to support the curriculum and student learning in facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. We will make every effort to provide quality experiences to students and teachers using these services, however, inappropriate interaction with any information service or inappropriate use of computer equipment is strictly prohibited.

Please read this document carefully. Only after you and your parents/guardians have read and signed the document, will you be permitted access to the school's network.

Please read this acceptable use policy carefully. After the student and a parent/guardian have read and signed this document, access to the school's technology will be permitted. Any student violating the provisions of this agreement may be denied access and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Benjamin Banneker Charter Academy of Technology Acceptable Use Policy

Terms and Conditions of This Agreement:

1. **Personal Responsibility:** As a representative of Benjamin Banneker Charter, each student accepts personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of technology. Misuse is viewed as any inappropriate use of the technology or use for other than curriculum based assignments.

2. **Acceptable Use:** The use of school technology must be in support of the curriculum and in accordance with the educational goals and objectives of Benjamin Banneker Charter. Students will be personally responsible for this provision at all times when using the school's network, computers, digital cameras, laptops, handheld devices and all other technology.

3. **Privileges:** THE USE OF THE TECHNOLOGY IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT, AND INAPPROPRIATE USE WILL RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF PRIVILEGES. Prior to accessing the Internet students will participate in a discussion with a Banneker Charter staff member as to proper behavior and use of the system. The Banneker Charter Technology Coordinator and/or Administration will rule upon any inappropriate use and may deny, revoke or suspend usage.

4. **Network Etiquette and Privacy:** Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These rules include (but are not limited to) the following:

- a. **LOGIN.** All use of the network must be under the student's own login and password. Passwords must be kept private. If a student thinks someone has learned his/her password, the student should contact an adult immediately. He/she will help the student change it.
- b. **DOWNLOADS.** Students may not download any material without express permission from the technology coordinator.
- c. **INTERNET USAGE.** Students may not use technology to access such sites as BEBO, FACEBOOK, MYSPACE, etc. during school time. This is considered a blatant waste of academic time.

5. **Vandalism:** Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to tamper with or destroy any of the technology. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Any vandalism will result in the immediate loss of privileges as well as further disciplinary action.

6. No software may be brought from home.

Please sign and return this document to the homeroom teacher.

STUDENT: I understand and will abide by the provisions and conditions of this agreement and understand that any violations of the above provisions may result in the loss of my technology privileges as well as disciplinary action. I also agree to report any violations of this agreement.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read this agreement and understand that access to the computers and to the school wide network is designed for educational purposes only. I understand that it is impossible for Benjamin Banneker Charter to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the school responsible for materials acquired on the network.

Please check ONE:

_____ I hereby GIVE my permission to Benjamin Banneker Charter to permit my child access to the school's technologies.

_____ I hereby DENY my permission to Benjamin Banneker Charter to permit my child access to the school's technologies.

Parent or Guardian Name (please print): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

E-Mail Address (if available): Home: _____

Work Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SPONSORING (HOMEROOM) TEACHER: I have read this agreement and will promote acceptable use of the school wide network and technologies. Because the student may use the network for individual work or in the context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student use of the network. As the sponsoring teacher, I agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette and to monitor such usage.

Signature/Date: _____