

## **Berkley Accelerated Middle School Student/Parent BYOD Agreement**

**Students will be allowed to bring their personal communication devices (PCD) to school under the following conditions:**

Student & parent/guardian sign the Personal Communication Device Use Agreement before being allowed to have PCD at school. This agreement stipulates:

- Student will comply with the BAMS Technology Policies as stated in the BAMS STUDENT NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY document attached and located in the student agenda and at [www.berkleymiddle.net](http://www.berkleymiddle.net) under the Policies and Forms tab. Any failure to comply may terminate your rights to bring the mobile device on school property effective immediately and may cause the student to forfeit their enrollment at BAMS.
- If student allows other students to use the mobile device at school, whomever is logged on to the BAMS network will be fully responsible for compliance with BAMS policies.
- Sharing access information is strictly prohibited.
- While on school property, student agrees to access the Internet via the BAMS network for educational purposes only when using a mobile device.
- Recording of staff and students without permission is strictly prohibited.
- Student will bring the mobile device fully charged to school.
- Student will maintain the equipment in working order, updated, and protected from malicious software and viruses.
- Student will heed general maintenance alerts.

### **Damage or Loss**

I am fully responsible, if my child's device is lost, stolen or damaged, and agree to hold harmless Berkley Accelerated Middle School.

### **Hold Harmless**

INDEMNIFICATION: The parent/student shall indemnify and hold harmless Berkley Accelerated Middle School, Inc., its agents and employees from and against all claims, suits, damages, or causes from action arising from personal injury, loss of life, or damage to property, or both, resulting directly and indirectly from the use of personal equipment at school.

**I have read the Agreement above and will comply with the stated conditions. I understand that if I violate any of the above agreements I may not be permitted to bring devices to school in the future and may face dismissal from BAMS and other disciplinary action.**

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Student Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

## **BAMS STUDENT NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY**

Advances in telecommunications and other related technologies have fundamentally altered the ways in which information is accessed, communicated, and transferred in society. Such changes are driving the need for educators to adapt their means and methods of instruction, and the way they approach student learning, to harness and utilize the vast, diverse, and unique resources available on the Internet. Berkley Accelerated Middle School (BAMS) is pleased to provide Internet services to its students. BAMS Internet system has a limited educational purpose. BAMS Internet system has not been established as a public access service or a public forum. BAMS has the right to place restrictions on its use to assure that use of BAMS Internet system is in accord with its limited educational purpose. Student use of BAMS computers, network and Internet services ("Network") will be governed by this policy and the related administrative guidelines, and the Student Code of Conduct. The due process rights of all users will be respected in the event there is a suspicion of inappropriate use of the Network. Users have a limited privacy expectation in the content of their personal files and records of their online activity while on the Network.

BAMS encourages students to utilize the Internet in order to promote educational excellence in our school by providing them with the opportunity to develop the resource sharing, innovation, and communication skills and tools that are essential to both life and work.

The Internet is a global information and communication network that provides an incredible opportunity to bring previously unimaginable education and information resources to our students. The Internet connects computers and users at BAMS with computers and users worldwide. Through the Internet, students and staff can access up-to-date, highly relevant information that will enhance their learning and the education process. Further, the Internet provides students and staff with the opportunity to communicate with other people from throughout the world. Access to such an incredible quantity of information and resources brings with it, however, certain unique challenges.

First, and foremost, BAMS may not be able to technologically limit access, to services through BAMS Internet connection, to only those that have been authorized for the purpose of instruction, study, and research related to the curriculum. Unlike in the past when educators and community members had the opportunity to review and screen materials to assess their appropriateness, access to the Internet, because it serves as a gateway to any publicly available file server in the world, will open classrooms and students to electronic information resources which have not been screened by educators for use by students of various ages.

BAMS has implemented technology protection, utilizing software and hardware measures which monitor, block, and filter Internet access to visual displays that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. Nevertheless, parents/guardians are advised that a determined user may be able to gain access to services on the Internet that the school has not authorized for educational purposes. In fact, it is impossible to guarantee students will not gain access through the Internet to information and communications that they and/or their parents/guardians may find inappropriate, offensive, objectionable, or controversial. Parents/guardians assume risks by consenting to allow their child to participate in the use of the Internet. Parents/guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using the Internet.

Pursuant to Federal law, students shall receive education about the following:

- A. safety and security while using e-mail, chat rooms, social media, and other forms of electronic communications;
- B. the dangers inherent with the online disclosure of personally identifiable information; and,
- C. the consequences of unauthorized access (e.g., "hacking"), cyberbullying, and other unlawful or inappropriate activities by students online.

BAMS is responsible for providing training so that Internet users under their supervision are knowledgeable about this policy and its accompanying procedures. The school expects that staff members will provide guidance and instruction to students in the appropriate use of the Internet, and will monitor students' online activities while at school.

Monitoring may include, but is not necessarily limited to, visual observations of online activities during class sessions; or use of specific monitoring tools to review browser history and network, server, and computer logs.

All Internet users (and their parents) are required to sign a written agreement annually, or at the time of enrollment to abide by the terms and conditions of this policy and its accompanying procedures.

Students and staff members are responsible for good behavior on BAMS computers and the Internet just as they are in classrooms, school hallways, and other school premises and school sponsored events. Communications on the Internet are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communication apply. The school does not sanction any use of the Internet that is not authorized by or conducted strictly in compliance with this policy and its accompanying procedures.

**Students shall not access social media for personal use from BAMS network, but shall be permitted to access social media for educational use in accordance with their teacher's approved plan for such use.**

Users who disregard this policy and its accompanying procedures may have their use privileges suspended or revoked, and disciplinary action taken against them. Users granted access to the Internet through BAMS computers assume personal responsibility and liability, both civil and criminal, for uses of the Internet not authorized by this policy and its accompanying procedures.