Appendix B
Big Spring School District Internet Access and Responsible Usage Policy (RUP)
Signature Page – *Student*

PURPOSE

This Signature Page supplements and should be read in conjunction with Board Policy, 815, Responsible Use of Computer Networks/Technology Resources/Internet and Internet Safety.

The purpose of computer network use, including Internet access, shall be to support education and academic research in and among the schools in the Big Spring School District by providing unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work.

Network facilities shall be used to support the District's curriculum and to support communications and research for students, teachers, administrators, and support staff.

AUTHORITY

The Big Spring School District reserves the right to monitor and log network use and fileserver space utilization by District users without prior warning or notice. It is often necessary to access user accounts in order to perform routine maintenance and security tasks. User accounts are therefore the property of the Big Spring School District. Students should have no expectation of privacy or confidentiality in the content of electronic communications, Internet access, or other computer files sent and received on the school computer network or stored in his/her directory. The school computer network's system operator, or other authorized school employee, may, at any time and without prior warning, review the subject, content, and appropriateness of electronic communications, Internet access or other computer files and remove them if warranted, reporting any violation of rules to the school administration or law enforcement officials. The District reserves the right to remove a user account from the network to prevent further unauthorized or illegal activity if this activity is discovered.

RESPONSIBLE USE

The technological resources and Internet access available through BSSD are available to support learning, enhance instruction, and support school system business practices. Use of network and computer resources must comply with the Responsible Use Policy. BSSD information systems and technology resources are operated for the mutual benefit of all users. The use of the BSSD network and equipment is a privilege, not a right. Users should not do, or attempt to do, anything that might disrupt the operation of the network or equipment and/or interfere with the learning of other students or work of other BSSD employees.

Students are required to submit an acceptable use agreement signed by the student and a parent at the beginning of each school year. The acceptable use agreement shall remain in effect until a new agreement is signed.

The determination as to whether a use is appropriate lies solely within the discretion of the Big Spring School District.

STANDARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE USE

1. School district technological resources are provided for school-related purposes only. Acceptable use of such technological resources are limited to responsible, efficient, and legal activities that support learning and teaching Use of school district resources for political purposes or commercial gain or profit is prohibited.
2. School District technological resources are installed and maintained by members of the Technology Department. Students shall not attempt to perform any installation or maintenance without permission of the Technology Department.
3. Under no circumstance may software purchased by the school district be copied for personal use.
4. Students must comply with all applicable laws, including those relating to copyrights and trademarks, confidential information, and public records. Any use that violates state or federal law is strictly prohibited. Plagiarism of Internet resources will be treated in the same manner as any other incidents of plagiarism, as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.
5. No user of technological resources, including a person sending or receiving electronic communications, may engage in creating, intentionally viewing, accessing, downloading, storing, printing, or transmitting images, graphics, sound files,

text files, documents, messages or other materials that are obscene, defamatory, profane, pornographic, harassing, abusive, or considered to be harmful o minors.

6. Users may not use 3G/4G networks or anonymous proxies to circumvent content filtering.
7. Users may not install any Internet-based file sharing program designed to facilitate sharing of copyrighted material.
8. Users of technological resources may not send electronic communications fraudulently (i.e., by misrepresenting the identity of the sender).
9. Users must respect the privacy of others. When using e-mail, social networking, blogs, or other forms of electronic communication, students must not reveal personally identifying information, or information that is private or confidential.
10. Those who suspect that someone has discovered their password shall change it immediately. Students and staff shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify file, other data, or passwords belonging to other users.
11. Users may not intentionally or negligently damage district equipment or data belonging to another user of the District's technological resources.
12. Users are prohibited from engaging in unauthorized or unlawful activities, such as "hacking" or using the network to gain or attempt to gain unauthorized or unlawful access to other computers, computer systems, or accounts.
13. Users are prohibited from using another individual's ID or password without permission.
14. Users may not read, alter, change, block, or delete files or communications belonging to another user.
15. If a user identifies a security problem on a technological resource, he or she must immediately notify a system administrator.
16. Students who use district owned devices must also follow the guidelines provided in the Computer Device Agreement.

WEB 2.0/SOCIAL MEDIA

Big Spring School District social media guidelines encourage students and staff to work, learn, and share information collaboratively using Web 2.0 tools. Our Learning Management System (LMS) offers many of these tools in a secure, controlled environment. To maintain a safe environment for the students, online activities should take place within the LMS whenever possible. It is important to create an atmosphere of trust and individual accountability, keeping in mind that information produced by Big Spring School District students is a reflection on the entire District and is subject to the District's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). Education on proper use of Web 2.0 tools will be accomplished through the District's Internet Safety Instructional Plan.

The growing use of social media (online posting and collaboration) should be considered an extension of the classroom. Any online activity that would not be appropriate in the classroom should not be conducted online. School policy and consequences extend to the online learning environment.

As outlined in the District's Acceptable Use Policy, the Big Spring School District is not, creating a public forum, open public forum, or limited public forum through its LMS or approved Web 2.0 tools.

Students should at all times respect the privacy of the community. Do not divulge or post online personal information about any members of the school community without permission. High standards for appropriate online communication must be maintained. Digital information may leave a long-lasting or even permanent record with the possibility of becoming public without your knowledge or consent.

CONSEQUENCES

The network user shall be responsible for damages to the equipment, systems, and software resulting from deliberate or willful acts.

Failure to follow the procedures and prohibited uses previously listed in the Responsible Use Policy may result in loss of network access.

Illegal use of the network; intentional deletion or damage to files of data belonging to others; copyright violations of theft of services will be reported to the appropriate legal authorities for possible prosecution.

Violations of this policy by a student may result in corrective action up to and including suspension, expulsion, or criminal action.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Big Spring School District Internet Access and Responsible Usage Policy (RUP)

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Big Spring School District Internet Access and Usage Policy.

Printed Name:_____

Student Signature:_____   Date:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____   Date:_____