



South Brunswick School District
Technology Use Agreement - Grades PK-1
September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

To use any technology for our educational program, students must have this signed agreement on file. Please read this together, and acknowledge through the Genesis Parent Portal.



Statement of Purpose for Parents

The South Brunswick School District (SBSD) believes that all students should have access to technology tools, resources, and services when they act in a responsible, efficient, courteous, and legal manner. Internet access and other online services, available to students and teachers, offer a multitude of global resources. Our goal in providing these services is to enhance the educational development of our students.

We educate students about appropriate online behavior in an ongoing manner including awareness and response to cyberbullying, and as appropriate, interacting with others on social media and networking sites.

In addition, while on the school network, we take steps to:

- Block access by students to inappropriate matter on the Internet and the World Wide Web.
- Monitor the safety and security of students when using electronic communications.
- Prevent unauthorized access, including “hacking,” and other unlawful activities by students online.
- Prevent unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of students’ personal information.
- Measure restricting students' access to materials harmful to them.
- Filter and monitor Internet use on school networks.

Definitions

This Technology Use Agreement references tech tools and electronic communication, used in South Brunswick grades PK-1 educational program.

- ✓ **Tech Tools.** This refers to all digital tools and equipment including, but not limited to computers, laptops, Chromebooks, iPads, SmartBoards, digital visualizers, cameras, videoconferencing, etc.
- ✓ **Electronic Communication.** This means a communication transmitted by means of an electronic device including, but not limited to a telephone, cell phone, computer, laptop, Chromebook, iPad, tablet, iPod, audio/video player, camera, videoconferencing, etc.

Student Agreement

Terms of Agreement for Pre K, K, and 1st Grade Students

Using tech tools correctly and responsibly is very important for teaching and learning.

I promise to follow these rules, when using district technology:

1. I promise to use all district tech tools carefully and not do anything that might break or hurt the tech tools provided by my school.
2. I promise never to use the tech tools to hurt, frighten or bully others.
3. I promise to only work on the apps and websites that my teacher tells me to use for school work.
4. I promise to ask for help if I don't know what to do.
5. I promise to tell a trusted adult if I read or see something that is not appropriate.
6. I promise to follow the rules for proper behavior, and to be safe and caring online.
7. I promise to follow the school rules when videoconferencing with my teacher and classmates.
8. I promise to never talk with strangers online.
9. I promise to tell a trusted adult if a stranger tries to talk with me online.
10. I promise to never, ever share private information, passwords or pictures online about me, my family, my pets, my home, the school I go to, my friends or anyone else.
11. I promise to never take a picture, or record sound or video, unless my teacher says I can.
12. I understand that if I break any of my promises, I might not be able to use the tech tools.

I will sign my name to show that I will follow these rules.

Student Signature (print)

Homeroom Teacher

Grade

Parent/Guardian Agreement

By signing below, I certify the following:

- *I have read and understood this Technology Use Agreement, and discussed it with my child.*
- *I agree not to take a picture, or record video or audio of my child’s remote learning sessions.*
- *I acknowledge that my child’s use of technology is subject to the following South Brunswick Board of Education Policies:*

2360 (Use of Technology)

2361 (Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources)

2363, 2363.1 (Student Use of Privately-Owned Technology/BYOD Responsible Use Guidelines)

3283 (Electronic Communications Between Teaching Staff Members and Students)

4283 (Electronic Communications Between Support Staff Members and Students)

- *I acknowledge the “Anti-Big Brother Act” Notification below:*

Pursuant to the Anti-Big Brother Act - N.J.S.A. 18A:36-39 (P.L. 2013, c. 44) you are hereby notified and informed of the following: Electronic devices being provided **may record or collect information on the student’s activity or the student’s use of the device because the electronic device is equipped with a camera, global positioning system, or other feature capable of recording or collecting information on the activity or use of the device.** The school district **shall not** use any of the capabilities in a manner that would violate the privacy rights of the student or any individual residing with the student.

Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date Signed: _____ / _____ / _____

*Note: In PK-1, the parent/guardian will be the one who communicates with a staff member. If, however, there is occasion for your child to electronically communicate with a staff member, as per the Electronic Communication Policy 3283, such communication may only occur through the **district** email, Google Drive or phone. Conversely, please let the principal know if a staff member tries to contact your child through his or her personal email, cell phone, text messaging, or social media/networking site. This is prohibited.*

Compliant with NJ Anti-Bullying Act NJ S-993, Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99), Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act. Aligned with the SBSB Code of Student Conduct, and the SBSB Board policies regarding Electronic Communication #3283, Student Use of Privately-Owned Technology #2363 and BYOD #2363.1.