



Student Technology Policies: Overview

Grades: 3rd – 5th

People are using computers, mobile devices, and other technology all of the time, and they are important tools to use in education. Bedford County Schools (BCS) wants to use technology to help students learn. BCS also wants to help students learn to use technology properly.

BCS students should respect the rights of others. If someone does not follow the BCS technology policies, school administration will take necessary disciplinary action such as taking away access to technology. A serious violation could include suspension from school.

BCS works to filter Internet sites that may be inappropriate for students to see. However, BCS filters may not stop everything, so students need to act correctly while using the Internet.

- Students are responsible for their computer account. They will not give their password to anyone.
- Students are responsible for their language. They will only use language on the Internet or other application that they would use with their teacher. They will not use bad words.
- Students are responsible for their use of the Internet or BCS network. They will not look for web pages with pictures, words, sounds, or video that are not appropriate in school.
- Students will not download any files, including music and video files, unless a teacher gives them permission.
- Students will not pick on or inappropriately talk about another person while on the Internet.
- Students are responsible to be honest about who they are online. They are not to pretend to be someone else. They will not send or post any words, pictures, or sounds using someone else's name. They will not use another person's login name or password.
- Students are responsible to protect the security of the BCS network. They will not try to change security settings or install any software on school computers without permission.
- Students are responsible for protecting BCS property. They will not break or destroy any computer equipment on purpose.
- Students will obey copyright laws and will not download words, pictures, video, or music that belongs to someone else.

Microsoft 365 Accounts

BCS will provide Microsoft 365 accounts to students. These accounts will provide students access to Microsoft's online suite of Office applications, online storage, and many other products. These accounts will be used to help with learning.

Information inside a student's Microsoft 365 account may be reviewed or accessed. These accounts are not private.

If a student believes that someone else knows their password, he or she must tell his or her teacher. A new password can be created once a teacher submits a request to change a password.

Student Personal Wireless Access

Bedford County Schools offers wireless access for student personal devices such as iPads or cell phones. Students may bring a device from home to use at school. However, BCS nor their school is responsible for any loss or damages to a personal device brought onto school property. This access is a privilege, not a right.

When personal devices are connected to the student wireless network, the device is considered school property and can be searched by a teacher, administrator, or technology staff member at any time.

- Personal devices may only be used when teachers allow.
- Personal devices must be fully charged before bringing them to school.
- Personal devices are not to be used for playing games or watching videos except when it is part of classwork.
- Personal devices will not be worked on or repaired by a teacher, staff member, or other student.
- Teachers will not store student devices at any time.
- Using personal devices cannot disrupt class time.
- The student wireless network may be turned off or down during peak testing times.
- Teachers may set up their own rules for using personal devices in their classroom.