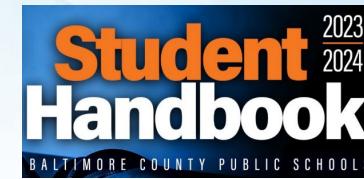


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The 2023-2024 Student Handbook includes an overview of the rights and responsibilities of BCPS students and a summary of the laws and regulations that affect students. Topics include consistent, timely attendance, respect for people and property, **technology usage**, student publications, student activities, student records, the right to appeal - including grievance procedures – and more. For the complete explanation of students' responsibilities and rights, see Board of Education Policy 5600 and Superintendent's Rule 5600.

Students and parents/guardians are required to electronically sign a statement indicating that the Student Handbook has been received and that the expectations for student behavior are understood. The Student Handbook is an important document to review annually because it incorporates changes from previous versions. To learn more about the changes in this year's handbook, [view this presentation](#) from the BCPS Office of School Climate and Culture.

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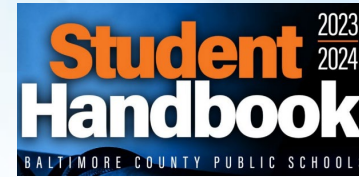
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Student Responsible Use of Technology/Internet (TAUP)

I am responsible for:

1. My language. I will be polite and use appropriate language in my e-mail messages, online postings, and other digital communications.
2. How I treat others. I will not create or communicate abusive, harassing, bullying, libelous, obscene, offensive, profane, threatening, discriminatory, or illegal messages.
3. Respecting the intellectual property rights of others. I will obey copyright laws. I will use another's work only with proper citation and permission. I will not plagiarize another's work.
4. My student-authorized computer account and all activity conducted through my account(s). I understand that my username and passwords are confidential and shall not be shared with anyone. I understand that it is important to log off the computer at the end of every session so another user cannot use my password.
5. **My use of the BCPS network.** I will use BCPS resources responsibly and will not search, retrieve, save, circulate, display, upload, post, e-mail, transmit, or otherwise make available any hate-based, offensive, or sexually explicit images, language or the files that generate such images or language.
6. **Protecting the security of the BCPS network.** **I will not attempt to bypass security settings or Internet filters** or interfere with the operation of the network by installing or downloading unauthorized software, games, programs, files, electronic media, or stand-alone applications from the Internet or from any other sources.
7. **Protecting school property.** **I understand that vandalism is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, accessing, modifying, or destroying equipment, programs, files, or settings on any computer or technology resource.** I understand that I need authorization from a school administrator or teacher to use personal electronic devices or memory storage devices that I bring to school.
8. My conduct on all online sites. I understand that what I do on social networking websites should not interfere with, negatively affect, or cause disruption to the school learning environment. I will use internet tools such as discussion boards, chat rooms, and instant messaging, for educational purposes only.
9. Following Board Policies, Superintendent's Rules, and school procedures when using BCPS technology and networks and when publishing schoolwork online. I understand that it is unsafe to post any personal information about myself and others including, but not limited to, my address, phone number, or school.
10. I will not post photos or videos of students online without the permission of the parent of the student, or the student if the student is age 18 years or older.

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Category I:

Disrespect/Insubordination

K. Harassment (**includes nuisance electronic communications to students or staff members**; continued comments or passing of unofficial notes to another individual that he or she does not wish to hear or receive)

Other

U. **Use of electronic devices for non-educational purposes** during regular instructional hours. The ban on the use of electronic devices for non-educational purposes also applies to buses while being transported to and from school and while participating in school sponsored activities or events

Category II:

Other

U. **Destruction and/or vandalism of school property**, personal property of students and/or faculty. This includes receipt, sale, possession, or distribution of property stolen from Baltimore County Public Schools. Restitution is required, either monetary or a schoolwork project

Z. Violation of the *Technology Acceptable Use Policy (TAUP) for Students*