

COMPUTER NETWORK FOR EDUCATION

The Broadalbin-Perth Board of Education is committed to optimizing student learning and teaching. The Board considers student access to a computer network, including the Internet, to be valuable educational and research tool. The Board of Education encourages the use of computers and computer related technology in district for the purpose of advancing and promoting teaching and learning processes.

The computer network is an integral part of the curriculum by providing a forum for communication, research and learning. Through the use of various software applications, databases, and the Internet, the network will significantly enhance educational experience and provide local, national and global communication / e_learning opportunities for students and staff.

The Superintendent shall recommend to the Board of Education and the Board of Education shall appoint a computer coordinator and network system analyst to oversee the management of the district's computer resources. The computer coordinator will prepare in-service programs for the training and development of district staff on computer skills and integration of technology into the curriculum. The network analyst will monitor and examine network activities, review files / memory allocations and communication devices to maintain system integrity. The network analyst or designee will install authorized software and security ware and verify staff and students are using the districts' system responsibly. The network analyst will maintain a district web filter, monitor and take preventative measures for unauthorized access to district's records and files.

The Superintendent, working in conjunction with the Assistant Superintendent, the computer coordinator and the network system analyst, will be responsible for the purchase and distribution of computer software and hardware throughout the district. The coordinator, with assistance from building technology teams, shall prepare a comprehensive three (3) year technology plan. The Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent, with assistance from the computer coordinator and network system analyst, shall prepare a yearly budget. Both the technology plan and the annual budget shall be revised as necessary to reflect changing technology and/ or district needs.

The Superintendent shall direct the district technology committee to develop and update regulations and a the student and staff computer use agreements governing the use and security of the district's computer network. The computer use agreement for students and staff with defined regulations, guidelines and acceptable uses must receive administrative approval prior to its discussion and/or dissemination. Theses guidelines will be accessible to students and staff. All users of the district's computer network and equipment shall comply with the policy and the users' regulations.

All users of the district's computer network and the Internet must understand that use is a privilege, not a right, and access to the computer network and the Internet entails responsibility. The district will make every effort to provide computer service; however, due to the nature of the web and hardware, the district cannot guarantee accuracy, privacy or reliability of the online service or information.