STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCESS INFORMATION

School Board of Brevard County, Florida

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Brevard Public Schools strives to foster a culture of collaboration and an atmosphere of engagement as we prepare students to thrive in a digital world. While we remain committed to the high standards of Florida's curriculum, we also believe that school districts are obligated to provide students with skill in digital literacy within the context of those standards. For this reason, the District provides students with computer access to the Internet, email, digital communication and collaboration tools, and online educational resources. These resources are managed at a grade appropriate level as described below.

Standard accounts and applications that are created for students include:
- Student Account – Provides each student with a unique username and password that is used to access the district computers and applications.
- Google for Education – Google accounts provide students with access to web-based programs and collaboration tools.
  - Students in grades PK-6 are provided with limited access to communicate and share with district staff and other students enrolled in Brevard Public Schools.
  - Students in grades 7-12 are provided with open, authentic access to communicate with others via email and web posting.
- Office365 - Students will have access to Microsoft Office applications at school and at home. Students will also have an email account and cloud storage space provisioned for them.
- Classlink Launchpad- Launchpad provides students with single sign-on access to a variety of educational resources and digital textbooks utilized to support standards-based instruction.

Students are expected to comply with the terms of the the Brevard Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy while accessing District technology resources. Please review the Acceptable Use Policy that is located in the student handbook with your child. District technology resources are to be utilized for educational purposes only. Should students not comply with this policy, disciplinary action may result.

Brevard's Cloud-based Apps will have several layers of security designed to protect students and enforce our Student Acceptable Use Policy (7540.03). While it is Brevard's intention to provide a completely safe and sterile computing environment, doing so with absolute fidelity is impossible to guarantee. Brevard's system administrators will have full authority and ability to monitor content and investigate concerns. District administrators may disable access if a student is found to be using the systems inappropriately, violating the acceptable use policy, or at the discretion of the school Principal or district official. All student web traffic will be filtered at or beyond CIPA compliance.

Parents have the right to terminate their child's access to technology tools and resources. If you choose to restrict your child's access to technology, request that your school provide you with the Technology Opt-Out form 7540.03f1 for your signature. Please be aware that your decision to eliminate your child's access to these tools may significantly impact your child's ability to work collaboratively with his or her peers and may inhibit the development of digital skills.