



Crossroads Student Technology Usage Contract (Version 8.7.09)

The Crossroads School encourages the appropriate use of technology to support student learning, and takes seriously the task of ensuring student safety while using technology. Due to the potential risks involved with the use of technology and our focus on the use of technology as a tool for learning and communicating, it is essential that all students follow the rules outlined in this technology acceptable usage contract. "Technology" includes computers, network, Internet, and external devices.

1. **The Internet is to be used for school-related learning activities only.** It is the student's responsibility to notify a teacher or administrator of anything inappropriate or unsafe that he or she may find. The campus network uses Baltimore City School's content filter to help protect students from inappropriate and unsafe content. The content filter is not, however, a full proof defense against inappropriate content, and therefore students are expected to make appropriate choices when accessing the Internet. Any attempt to bypass the content filter is prohibited.
2. **All student-generated content must be free of obscenity, offensive language, and negativity towards others and must adhere to all Crossroads student conduct policies.**
3. **Use of online social networking services (e.g. Myspace.com) are not allowed on any school computers or network.** Access to educational networking services may be provided to students.
4. **Network administrators can review files and folders to maintain system integrity and make sure users are using the system responsibly.** Users should not expect that files stored on the school or district servers/computers are private. Students are responsible for backing up personal files.
5. **Students are held responsible for any equipment with which they use.** Any damage or loss due to inappropriate behavior may result in replacement or repair paid for by the student and/or student's legal guardian.
6. **Students are not to access or alter another person's property,** including files and folders on the computer and network.
7. **Password sharing is prohibited.**
8. **Students may not plagiarize nor use materials protected by copyright** unless used in accordance with fair use policy. <http://www.copyright.gov/fls/fl102.html>
9. **Printing is allowed for schoolwork only.** Wasteful printing is not tolerated.
10. **Adherence to the Baltimore City School System Technology Acceptable Use Policy is required.** http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/School_Board/pdf/Technology_Acceptable_Use_Policy.pdf

Violation of any one of these policies may result in loss of technology usage privileges in addition to other consequences as determined by the teachers or administration of The Crossroads School.

I will adhere to the Crossroads Technology Usage Contract at all times.

(Including when using any Crossroads or Living Classrooms computers with academic area classes/teachers and after-school program).

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Full Name (printed clearly) _____

I grant my child permission to use the Internet and other Crossroads technology services in accordance with the Crossroads Technology Usage Contract.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Full Name (printed clearly) _____