



Crossroads Student Technology Usage Contract (Version 8.21.2011)

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 to support learning, productivity and communication, it is essential that all students follow the rules outlined in this technology acceptable use contract.

"Technology" includes computers, network, Internet, and external devices.

1. Each student is responsible for having and regularly accessing a personal email account with approval from the student's legal guardian. Email is to be used for school purposes only.
2. 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; however, the content filter is not a full proof defense against inappropriate content, and therefore students are expected to make appropriate choices when accessing the Web. Any attempt to by-pass the content filter is prohibited.
3. All student-generated content must be free of obscenity, offensive language, and negativity and must adhere to all Crossroads and BCPSS student conduct policies.
4. Use of online social networking services (e.g. Facebook) are not allowed on any school computers or network. Access to approved educational networking services may be provided to students by staff.
5. 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.
6. Students are held responsible for any equipment with which they use. Any damage or loss to equipment may result in replacement or repair paid for by the student and/or student's legal guardian.
7. Students may not access or alter another person's property, including files/folders on the computer/network.
8. Password sharing is prohibited. Students may only access computers at the student login level. In the case that the previous user does not log out, the current user must log out before accessing correct user account.
9. 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>).
10. Printing is allowed for schoolwork only. Wasteful printing is not tolerated.
11. Audio, video, and photo files are not to be imported or downloaded onto school computers without staff approval, and must be for educational purposes only.
12. Posting of content on the Web that draws any connection to Crossroads, Living Classrooms, or BCPSS must be approved by staff.
13. Adherence to the Baltimore City School System Technology Acceptable Use Policy is required. (Signing this contract signifies that you have read and agree to the BCPSS Acceptable Use Policy.)

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 & BCPSS Acceptable Use Policy at all times.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Full Name (printed clearly) _____

I grant my child permission to use Crossroads & BCPSS technology services and permission to have a personal email account in accordance with the Crossroads Technology Usage Contract & the BCPSS Acceptable Use Policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Full Name (printed clearly) _____