Please read the following carefully, as well as related sections of the Behavior Code, Policy JCDA, the Internet Safety Policy, Policy IFBGE, and the Internet Acceptable Use Policy, IFBG. Violations of the “Acceptable Use Guidelines” may cause a student’s access privileges to be revoked, personal technology devices to be confiscated, disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal or remunerative action may be taken.

The Marietta Board of Education (the “Board”) provides technology resources, Internet access and, where specifically authorized by school administration, allows student to access approved personally-owned technology devices during instructional time (“BYOT” or Bring Your Own Technology Initiative). These resources are utilized as educational tools which facilitate communication, innovation, resource sharing and access to information. Internet and technology resources are provided for educational purposes that promote and are consistent with the educational mission, vision, instructional and educational goals and objectives of Marietta City Schools (“School System”).

The Board makes no assurance of any kind, whether expressed or implied, regarding any Internet services provided. The School System or individual schools in the system will not be responsible for any damages the student/user suffers. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the student’s own risk. The School System specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information or software obtained through its services. Staff and students must be advised that privacy in the use of the Internet is not guaranteed.

Further, the Board assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including but not limited to, long distance charges, per minute surcharges and/or equipment or line costs. If any such charges are incurred by a student while accessing the Internet, said student shall be held financially responsible, and will reimburse the school for any charges so incurred.

Any student who uses the school’s computers or other technology resources must be aware of the requirement for appropriate use of the equipment and for accessing the Internet. Procedures are in place for the protection of students and equipment. Students will be held accountable for any violation of the following guidelines in accordance with the behavior code (JCDA). Students and/or their parent/guardian are responsible for damages to equipment and/or the network and will be liable for costs for service or repair.

Any student who uses personal technology as a part of the instructional curriculum at school, based upon signature of both parent and guardian of the system’s “Bring Your Own Technology” agreement, will be governed by the same principles and guidelines of use as students using school-provided technology. The Board will assume no responsibility for damages, charges or fees incurred by the student, and identical guidelines apply for student responsibility for the same, regardless of whether these occur through use of school or personally-provided technology. The Board assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to student’s personal technology while on school grounds or otherwise used via the BYOT agreement or any other purpose. Student and parent accept this risk when the choice is made to utilize personal technology.

Students are only allowed to utilize computers and other technology devices, whether personal or school-provided, to access the school network to retrieve information and run specific software applications as directed by their teacher. Students are not permitted to access computer operating systems for any reason or attempt to do anything they are not specifically authorized by the teacher to do. Students are not allowed to download any software from the Internet or to load software from a device brought from home onto any system-owned computer unless specifically authorized by his/her teacher or an administrator.
Students bringing personal technology and storage devices (diskettes, CDs, USB devices, cell phones, iPods, or any other type of storage device) from outside the school are responsible for all material contained on said storage device. Should the use of any such technology or storage device result in a virus outbreak on a computer or the network, costs incurred for repairs are the responsibility of the student’s parent/guardian. The student may have no expectation of privacy for material contained on said personal technology or storage device.

Students should take the following precautions while accessing the Internet:

1. Any on-line communication should always be at the direction and supervision of a teacher.
2. Never provide last name, address, telephone number, or school name on-line.
3. Never respond to, and always report, any messages that make you feel uncomfortable or that are from an unknown origin.
4. Never send a photo of yourself or anyone else to an unfamiliar source or website.
5. Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone you met on-line.
6. Never open attachments or files from unknown senders.

Examples of prohibited conduct include, but are not limited to:

A. Accessing, sending, creating or posting materials or communications that is damaging to another person’s reputation; is abusive, obscene, sexual in nature, threatening or demeaning to another person’s gender, race, or religion; or otherwise violates the behavior code. Cyber-bullying and related misuse of the internet will not be tolerated.
B. Using the network for financial gain or advertising.
C. Posting or plagiarizing work created by another person without their consent.
D. Posting anonymous or forging electronic mail messages.
E. Attempting to read, alter, delete, or copy the electronic mail messages of other system users.
F. Giving out personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, driver’s license or social security numbers, bankcard or checking account information, without the consent of the other party.
G. Using the school’s computer hardware or network for any illegal activity such as copying or downloading copyrighted software in violation of copyright laws.
H. Loading/using games, public domain, shareware or any other unauthorized program on school computers or computer system.
I. Purposely infecting any school computer or network with a virus or program designed to damage, alter, destroy or provide access to unauthorized data or information.
J. Gaining access/attempting to access unauthorized/restricted network resources or the data and documents of another person, or any use of the personal technology device of another individual without express permission.
K. Using/attempts to use the password/account or personal technology device of another person or using a computer while logged on under another’s account.
L. Using the school’s computers, personal technology devices or network while access privileges have been suspended.
M. Using the school’s computer hardware, personal technology devices, school network, or Internet link in a manner that is inconsistent with a teacher’s directions and generally accepted network etiquette.
N. Altering or attempting to alter the configuration of a computer, the operating system, or any of the software.
O. Attempting to vandalize, disconnect or disassemble any network or computer component whether school-owned or owned by another.
P. Utilizing school or personal computers and devices, and the school network to retrieve information or run software applications not assigned by a teacher.
Q. Providing another student with user account information passwords.
R. Connecting to or installing any computer hardware, components, or software which are not school system property to or in the district’s technology resources without prior approval of the district technology supervisory personnel.
S. Participating in unauthorized chat rooms or news groups.
T. Hacking or attempting to degrade or disrupt network services or equipment.

I have read and understand the Marietta City Schools Computers and Network Resources Student Acceptable Use Guidelines. I take full responsibility for my actions with technology resources.

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Student Name (please print)  Student Signature  Date

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)  Parent/Guardian Signature  Date