



Dorm Network Usage Policy

Any person using the dorm network or IT resources at The Bolles School does so by agreeing to the following:

It is the general policy of The Bolles School that all computing facilities are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with the Mission of The Bolles School. The person in whose name an account/computer is registered is responsible for its proper use. Acceptable uses of the network are activities which support learning and educational advancement.

Failure to adhere to this general policy may result in temporary or permanent revocation or suspension of the offender's privilege of access. The amount of time of the revocation or suspension will be determined by the offense. If a temporary revocation of network privileges is imposed then the revocation could be from a few days up to a month. Serious or repeat violations will be referred to the Disciplinary Council for review and punishment by said Disciplinary Council. This will also carry a revocation of network privileges for the semester(s). The Bolles School IT Department will monitor student access to network services to assure compliance with this policy. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance will be viewed as a serious offense.

Examples of unacceptable uses of the network include but are not limited to the following:

1. Spreading computer viruses. Students must use anti-virus software with updated virus definitions to provide protection against virus attacks.
2. The following are strictly prohibited:
 - o Setting up a separate LAN on the School campus whether this LAN be wireless or hard wired
 - o Using hubs, routers, switches, or other network hardware within or among dorms or dorm rooms
 - o Setting up your own server within or among dorms or dorm rooms
 - o Running server services e.g. DHCP, IIS, Apache, WINS, or other such server services which would disrupt the dorm network
 - o Configuring a static IP address, opposed to the provided DHCP IP address, or IP/MAC address spoofing
3. Using profanity, obscenity, or offensive language in e-mail messages, chat rooms, bulletin boards, etc.
4. Using Peer-to-Peer applications for the downloading or uploading of any purpose.
5. Using another person's e-mail address without prior consent
6. Re-posting personal communications without the author's prior consent
7. Sending messages to a third party under another person's e-mail address
8. Sending anonymous e-mail messages
9. Using the network for the illegal retrieval, storage, or distribution of copyrighted materials - all users of the network must follow established standards regarding the use, printing, and sharing of copyrighted materials. Appropriate permission must be obtained when including copyrighted or trademarked material such as text, photographic images, music and sound files, video, or graphic illustrations in any electronic publication or over the network. If further clarification is needed, please check the Copyright Law of the United States.
10. Using the network for financial gain, commercial or illegal activity
11. Using another person's network account/computer
12. Knowingly using the network to access material, individual contacts or communications which are inappropriate and not of educational value in the context of The Bolles School.
13. Using the dorm network for harassment purposes - violations will immediately be referred to the Disciplinary Council.

Connection to the The Bolles School Dorm Network

Each resident student that wants network access must have completed and turned in "The Bolles School Dorm Internet Request Form." The computer must be virus-free with the latest security patches and updates prior to plugging into the network. The student is responsible for keeping their virus signatures and security updates current.

Disclaimer

The upkeep of a student's computer is his/her responsibility. Due to the open nature of the Internet it is strongly recommended to have virus protection and host firewall protection to prevent the spread of worms/viruses. The Bolles School has implemented networking services to help prevent such attacks, but is not liable for viruses or worms spread through the Internet or dorm network to student computers. If technical support is needed The Bolles School IT department will be available to help troubleshoot and correct connectivity problems associated with local connections. Software and hardware support should be directed to the appropriate vendor. The dorm network will provide students with the ability to access the Internet for web browsing, e-mail, instant messaging, and some online gaming. All traffic may be logged and monitored. During peak usage periods the speed of the Internet connection may vary.