

POLICY

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Students

See also 6150

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Subject: Internet Access

General Information

Internet access will be provided to the students in accordance with the terms of this policy. Internet access from school computers is reserved solely for educational purposes. Use by outside groups is prohibited. Use by student clubs and organizations is limited to those times when the Internet access points are not in use for instruction, and shall be limited to educational purposes and governed by this policy. Access to the Internet will be under the direction and supervision of the staff assigned to the particular Internet access area or computer.

The school district reserves the right to monitor all Internet activity including transmission and receipt of e-mail. Use of e-mail is limited to school district purposes.

Every computer in the district having Internet access shall not be operated by a student unless Internet access from the computer is subject to filtering software. The District shall make reasonable efforts to ensure such filtering software is designed and operates so that images which are obscene, pornographic or harmful to minors a images or language which advocate or promote violence or hatred against particular individuals or groups of individuals or promotes the superiority of one racial, ethnic or religious group over another shall not be displayed. For purposes of this policy, the phrase *harmful to minors* means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that, taken as a whole, and with respect to minors, appeals to prurient interest in nudity, sex or excretion; depicts, describes or represents in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals and, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value as to minors.

Prohibited Conduct

No student while using a computer or other device connected to the Internet:

1. Access, transmit, or retransmit material which promotes violence or advocates destruction of property including information concerning the manufacturer of destructive devices such as explosives, fireworks, smoke bombs or incendiary devices or the like;
2. Access, transmit, or retransmit any information which is harmful to minors as that phrase is defined in this policy.
3. Access, transmit, or retransmit material which advocates or promotes violence or hatred against particular individuals or groups of individuals or advocates or promotes the superiority of one racial, ethnic or religious group over another.
4. Use or possesses bootleg software. Bootleg software means any software which has been downloaded or is otherwise in the users possession without the appropriate registration of the software, including the payment of any fees to the owner of the software.

5. Use encryption or decryption software from any access point within the school district.
6. Transmit credit card or other personal identification information, including home addresses or telephone numbers from any school district computer.
7. Transmit e-mail through an anonymous remailer.
8. Access the Internet from a school district computer using a non-school district Internet account.
9. Use an instant messenger service or program, Internet Relay Chat or other forms of direct electronic communication, or enter a chat room without the express permission of the staff member supervising the computer resource.
10. Commit or attempt to commit any willful act involving the use of the network which disrupts the operation of the network within the school district or any network connected to the Internet, including the use or attempted use or possession of computer viruses or so-called hacking or other unlawful activities on line.
11. Disable or attempt to disable filtering software. However, such filtering software may be disabled for bona-fide research or other lawful purposes, when the building principal of the building in which such research or other lawful activity will be conducted has given written permission to disable the filtering software.
12. Cyberbullying which refers to any harassment/bullying, on or off school property, which occurs via the internet, cell phones or other electronic devices. Cyberbullying involving District students may occur both on campus and off school grounds and may involve student use of the District Internet system or student use of electronic devices while at school, such as cell phones, digital cameras, and personal computers to engage in harassment/bullying. Cyberbullying includes, but is not limited to, the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another student or staff member by way of any technological tool, such as sending or posting inappropriate or derogatory e-mail messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or Web site postings (including blogs).

In addition to those penalties set forth in the student discipline code, a violation of this Internet policy may also result in loss of Internet privileges.

Opinions, advice, services, and all other information expressed on line are those of the on-line authors and not of the school district. The Internet contains information pertaining to a variety of subjects. Not all of this information is accurate or reliable, particularly where the advice of medical, legal, accounting, or other professionals would be appropriate. Users are advised not to rely on advice found on the Internet. The school district is not responsible for such advice.

The school district does not guarantee or imply that access to the Internet will always be available when students want access or that the software provided by the district will always work as intended. The school district is not responsible for failures in the operation or technical functioning of the Internet or the computers or software used to access the Internet.

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