

COMPUTER NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Board of Education will actively pursue making advanced technology and increased access to learning opportunities available to district students and staff. In accordance with federal law, Internet access in our schools will be mediated through the use of blocking and/or filtering software. Internet access will allow district students and staff to access and use information available on distant computers, communicate and share information with individuals or groups of other students and staff, and significantly expand the users' knowledge base.

Students and staff must understand and practice proper and ethical use. The following are conditions and rules for use:

A. Acceptable Use

1. Effective September 1, 2011, all district computer network users will be required to acknowledge that they have received and reviewed this policy upon logging on to the computer network.
2. Internet use facilitates communication in support of research and education by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. In order to remain eligible as a user, all Internet access should support the educational objectives of the District.
3. Transmission of any material in violation of any United States or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities by students is not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

B. Privilege

Use of and access to the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use, including any violation of these conditions and rules, may result in cancellation of the privilege. The Board has the authority to determine appropriate use and may deny, revoke, suspend or close any user account at any time based upon its determination of inappropriate use by any user. Each student who receives an account will be responsible for that account and its usage. Therefore, under no circumstances should an account be shared with anyone other than the Instructional Technology Specialist. Each student will also be required to attend an orientation session with a district faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network.

C. Monitoring

All users, staff and students alike, have no right to privacy or confidentiality when using the District's computer network and equipment. The District reserves the right to examine and archive all electronic correspondence, e-mail and records of internet activity for network management, compliance and/or records retention purposes. All e-mail and other electronically stored information may be subject to records retention requirements and/or disclosure, in accordance with applicable laws or as part of discovery proceedings in legal actions.

D. No Warranties

The Board makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the service it is providing. The Board and district staff will not be responsible for any damages a user suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, no-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the district's negligence or by the user's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The Board specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services. All users need to consider the source of any information they obtain, and consider how valid that information may be.

E. Security

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Attempts to log-on to the Internet in the name of another individual will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.

F. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall establish regulations governing the use and security of the District's computer network, and shall establish implementing procedures to enforce the regulations. The procedures shall provide for the safety and security of students using electronic correspondence such as e-mail, chat rooms and instant messages (IMs); monitoring the online activities of students using the District's computers and equipment; and restricting student access to materials that are harmful to minors. All users of the District's computer network and equipment shall comply with this policy, its regulations and implementing procedures. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action; suspension and/or revocation of computer access privileges; and potential legal action.

1st Reading February 24, 2009

2nd Reading and Adoption March 24, 2009

1st Reading July 5, 2011

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