

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

The Board of Education is committed to undertaking efforts that serve to make safe for children the use of district computers for access to the Internet and World Wide Web. To this end, although unable to guarantee that any selected filtering and blocking technology will work perfectly, the Board directs the Superintendent of Schools to procure and implement the use of technology protection measures that block or filter Internet access by:

- Adults to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography, and
- Minors to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Subject to staff supervision, however, any such measures may be disabled or relaxed for adults conducting bona fide research or other lawful purposes, in accordance with criteria established by the Superintendent or his or her designate.

The Superintendent or his or her designee also shall develop and implement procedures that provide for the safety and security of students using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; monitoring the online activities of students using district computers; and restricting student access to materials that are harmful to minors.

In addition, the Board prohibits the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding students; unauthorized online access by students, including hacking and other unlawful activities; and access by students to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall establish and implement procedures that enforce these restrictions.

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations and the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Superintendent or designated representatives will provide age-appropriate education for students who use the school district's Internet facilities. The education provided will be designed to promote the school district's commitment to:

- The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in this policy and the district's Acceptable Use Policy.
- Student safety with regard to:
 - Safety on the Internet;
 - Appropriate online behavior, including interaction with other individuals on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms; and
 - Cyberbullying awareness and response,
- Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA")

Following receipt of this education, the student will acknowledge that he/she received the education, understood it, and will follow the provisions of this Policy and the district's Acceptable Use Policy.

The computer network coordinator designated under the district's Computer Network or Acceptable Use Policy, shall monitor and examine all district computer network activities to ensure compliance with this policy and any accompanying regulation. He or she shall be responsible for ensuring that staff and students receive training on their requirements.

All users of the district's computer network, including access to the Internet and World Wide Web, must understand that use is a privilege, not a right, and that any such use entails responsibility. They must comply with the requirements of this policy and accompanying regulation, in addition to generally accepted rules of network etiquette, and the district's Acceptable Use Policy. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, the revocation of computer access privileges.

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20 USC § 6777
47 CFE § 54.500 et seq.

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