

School Board Executive Summary

Topic: Board Policy for Approval: #6350 and #6410

Date: April 27, 2026

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Recommended Action: ☐ Information Only
☐ Presentation/Discussion
☒ Discussion/Action by Board of Education
☐ Presentation/Action Next Meeting

Recommendation: Approval of revisions to two existing policies that were previously presented for board discussion and consideration on April 13, 2026.

Background: The Board of Education and the District adhere to a regular policy review process to ensure: timely and appropriate updates to existing policies; the implementation of new policies as warranted; the elimination of outdated / conflicting policies; and grammatical / language revisions as needed.

6350 - Interscholastic Athletics: Responsibilities and Eligibility (Instruction)

Updates and revisions to language and content as suggested by KSB's policy book.

6410 - Use of District Technology and Internet Safety (Instruction)

Updates to defined terms and other minor revisions.

Attachment(s): Redline copies of policies #6350 and #6410

TOPIC CATEGORY: INSTRUCTION
NUMBER CATEGORY: 6000
TITLE: INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS: RESPONSIBILITIES AND ELIGIBILITY
NUMBER: 6350

~~Westside Community Schools~~The District will provide a comprehensive interscholastic athletic program offering sports sanctioned by the NSAA (Nebraska School Activities Association). Interscholastic sports will be offered beginning at the middle school level.

All interscholastic sports shall be under the exclusive governance and control of the District. This control includes, but is not be limited to, the formation, naming, structure, operation, financing, and discontinuance of all interscholastic sports. Interscholastic sports shall not have any separate or individual existence, status, rights, or authority.

In compliance with the rules established by the ~~Nebraska Schools Activities Association~~, the superintendent or designee(s) have the responsibility for determining the eligibility of students. The coaches of each sport have responsibility for selecting students for participation in interscholastic athletics. All students in grades 7-12 who participate in athletics must have a physical examination by a qualified health care provider at the student's expense.

Coaches, participants, students and volunteers (parent or otherwise) will be governed by all Board policies and administrative rules and directives including the Policy on field trips when traveling for interscholastic sports. Coaches may establish standards concerning student participation in the sports, student conduct, and personal appearance provided that such standards are in compliance with Board ~~of Education~~ policies and any applicable regulations and guidelines.

Students are required to comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the NSAA. Interscholastic athletes compete as representatives of ~~Westside Community Schools~~the District and the school they attend. Participants have a responsibility to be outstanding examples of sportsmanship and conduct.

All fundraising activities for interscholastic sports shall require authorization by a member of the District administration and shall be subject to all other school policies. All money raised by these activities shall be governed by applicable Board policies.

POLICY ADOPTED: April 3, 1973
POLICY AMENDED: October 3, 1978
POLICY REVIEWED AND ADOPTED: June 1, 1987
POLICY AMENDED: March 6, 2006
POLICY AMENDED: April __, 2026

TOPIC CATEGORY: INSTRUCTION
NUMBER CATEGORY: 6000
TITLE: USE OF DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET SAFETY
NUMBER: 6410

The Board ~~of Education~~, recognizing that the community, nation, and world can serve as a laboratory for learning, encourages the legal and ethical use of global electronic media. Electronic network connections provide integration of the curriculum and expand academic resources beyond the classroom and school while supporting instruction and learning.

District technology, including ~~computers, tablets and other electronic devices, as well as servers, networks~~ and Internet access, is the property of the District, (“District Technology”) and is provided as a tool for students' educational use. Students should not assume that their use of District ~~Technology~~ is private. In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, the District will monitor computer usage and employ technology protection measures. The District may inspect, copy, review, transfer, and store, at any time and without prior notice, any and all usage of ~~the District's Technology computers, computer network, Internet access~~ and any and all information transmitted, ~~stored~~, or received (including e-mail). The superintendent or designee shall develop regulations, which may include descriptions of inappropriate uses in addition to those included in this ~~Policy~~.

DEFINITIONS

Obscene: “Obscene” means visual depictions that the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find, taken as a whole, to appeal to a prurient interest in sex; that depict sexual conduct in a patently offensive way; and that, taken as a whole, lack serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value. CIPA 47 U.S.C. 254(h)(7)(E).

Child Pornography: "Child pornography" means any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where 1) the production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; 2) such visual depiction is a digital image, computer image, or computer-generated image that is, or is indistinguishable from, that of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or 3) such visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable [as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2256(9)] minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct. CIPA- 47 U.S.C. 254(h)(7)(F).

Harmful to Minors: The term "harmful to minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that: 1) taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; 2) 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 3) taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors. CIPA-47 U.S.C. 254(h)(7)(G).

Minor: The term "minor" means any individual who has not attained the age of 17 years. CIPA-47 U.S.C. 254(h)(7)(D).

Student: "Student" means any individual, regardless of age, who is enrolled in ~~Westside Community Schools~~ the District.

Inappropriate matter: "Inappropriate matter" means a text/writing, graphic, photo, image or other visual depiction that is contrary to the educational purpose of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, material that would enable a student to engage in illegal activities or that advocates for discrimination against others based on race, sex, religion, nationality or sexual orientation.

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

Use of ~~the District's~~ Technology resources is a privilege and not a right. The Superintendent or designee shall develop appropriate user agreements and shall require that students and their parent/guardian to sign such user agreements as a condition of access to the technology resources. Parents and guardians shall inform the Superintendent or designee in writing if they do not want their child to have access.

The Superintendent and designees are authorized to establish such other regulations, forms, procedures, guidelines and standards to implement this Policy.

The technology resources are not a public forum. The District reserves the right to restrict any communications and to remove communications that have been posted.

ACCEPTABLE USES

Technology resources are to be used for the limited purpose of advancing the District's mission, and are provided to students for educational purposes only.

TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURES AGAINST ACCESS TO INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

The following applies to all computers that access the Internet through the District network:

1. Technology protection measures (e.g. Internet filtering software) is a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access and shall be used to block or filter Internet access, by both adults and minors, to visual depictions that contain child pornography or other obscene materials.
2. Technology protection measures shall be used to block or filter Internet access by students to visual depictions that are harmful to minors and to other inappropriate matter.

3. Technology protection measures may be modified or disabled for use by ~~Westside Community Schools District~~ employees when, in the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, it is necessary for bona fide research or for other lawful purposes.

EDUCATING STUDENTS ABOUT APPROPRIATE ONLINE BEHAVIOR

Students shall be educated about Internet safety and appropriate online behavior, including interacting with others on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

SUPERVISION AND MONITORING OF MINORS ONLINE ACTIVITY

Supervision of the online activities of minors shall include both monitoring by electronic means and through visual supervision by District staff. Use of ~~the District's Technology resources~~, including but not limited to Internet sites visited and e-mail transmitted or received, is subject to monitoring by the administration and network administrators at any time, without notice to users. Users have no privacy rights or expectations of privacy with regard to the use of ~~the District's computers or Internet access Technology~~. As with any school property, any electronic files on the system are subject to search and inspection at any time. All ~~technology equipment~~ District Technology shall be used under the supervision of the Superintendent and the Superintendent's designees.

INTERNET SAFETY FOR STUDENTS

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the District's online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications. Prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking" and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification regarding minors.

Hacking and Other Unlawful Activities

It is a violation of this Policy to gain or attempt to gain unauthorized access to ~~the District's computers or computer system Technology~~ or to use District ~~Technology resources~~ to gain, or attempt to gain, access to any other computer or computer systems. In addition, any use for illegal activities, including but not limited to violations relating to copyright laws, distribution of obscene or pornographic materials, gambling, threats, bullying, or harassment, is prohibited.

Personal Identification Information

Students shall not disclose personal information about others when using the Internet via District ~~computers Technology or through the District's network~~. Students are cautioned against disclosing private information about themselves via the Internet, and the District shall provide cautionary information on disclosure of personal identification information within regulations or guidelines on acceptable use by students.

Reporting of Student Violations

Any student or District employee who becomes aware of any student's access to child pornography, other obscene materials, material that is harmful to minors, contains inappropriate matter, or that is

otherwise in violation of this Policy, is required to report such information to the building principal or designee.

SANCTIONS

Inappropriate use of ~~the District's Technology resources~~ may result in suspension or cancellation of the privilege to use such resources, and may also result in disciplinary action against students. Use that is unlawful may be reported to law enforcement. Users shall be responsible for damages caused and injuries sustained by improper or unauthorized use.

RETENTION OF RECORDS

The District shall retain documentation - Including this Policy, the board agenda and minutes of our adoption of this Policy, a copy of the District's Acceptable Use Agreement, and copies of invoices proving purchase of Internet filtering software or other documentation that demonstrates utilization of the District's technology protection measure - for a period of five years after the end of the funding year that relied on this Policy.

Legal Reference: Children's Internet Protection Act - 47 U.S.C. 254

Cross-Reference: Policy 5300 (Code of Conduct)

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