

## **Instruction**

### **Access to Electronic Networks**

Electronic networks, including the Internet, are a part of the District's instructional program and serve to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The Superintendent or designee shall develop an implementation plan for this policy and appoint a system administrator(s).

The School District is not responsible for any information that may be lost, or damaged, or become unavailable when using the network, or any information that is retrieved or transmitted via the Internet. Furthermore, the District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

### **Curriculum and Appropriate Online Behavior**

The use of the District's electronic networks shall (1) be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the District as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and development levels of the students, and (2) comply with the selection criteria for instructional materials and library media center materials. As required by federal law and Board Policy 6.60 Curriculum Content, students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including but not limited to: (1) interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and (2) cyberbullying awareness and response. Staff members may, consistent with the Superintendent's implementation plan, use the Internet throughout the curriculum.

The District's electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use.

### **Acceptable Use**

Use of the District's electronic networks and technology must be (1) in support of education and/or research, and be in furtherance of the goals stated herein, or (2) for a legitimate school business purpose. Use is a privilege, not a right. Students and staff members have no expectation of privacy in any material that is stored, transmitted, or received via the District's electronic networks or District computers. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using electronic networks. The District's Authorization for Use of Electronic Networks and Technology Guidelines contains the appropriate uses, ethics, and protocol. Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account, may be monitored or read by school officials.

### **Internet Safety**

Technology protection measures shall be used on each District computer with Internet access. They shall have a filtering device that protects against Internet access by both adults and minors to visual depictions that are (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3)

harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by federal law and as determined by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall enforce the use of such filtering devices. An administrator, supervisor, or other authorized person may disable the filtering device for bona fide research or other lawful purpose, provided that person receives prior permission from the Superintendent or system administrator. The Superintendent or designee shall include measures in this policy's implementation plan to address the following:

1. Ensure staff supervision of student access to online electronic networks;
2. Restrict student access to inappropriate matter as well as restricting student access to harmful materials;
3. Ensure student and staff privacy, safety and security when using electronic communications;
4. Restrict unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities; and,
5. Limiting unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information, such as, names and addresses.

#### Authorization for Electronic Network Access

Each user must sign the District's Authorization for Use of Electronic Networks and Technology as a condition for using the District's electronic network. Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the Authorization before being granted unsupervised use.

All users of the District's computers to access the Internet shall maintain the confidentiality of student records. Reasonable measures to protect against unreasonable access shall be taken before confidential student information is loaded onto the network.

The failure of any student or staff member to follow the terms of the Authorization for Use of Electronic Networks and Technology, or this policy, will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or legal action.

LEGAL REF.: No Child Left Behind Act, 20 U.S.C. §6777.  
Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §254(h) and (l).  
Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, 20 U.S.C §6751 et  
seq.  
720 ILCS 135/0.01.

CROSS REF.: 5.100, 5.170, 6.40, 6.60, 6.210, 6.260, 7.130, 7.190, 7.310

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