

INTERNET APPROPRIATE USE GUIDELINES

The use of the internet is a privilege. As users of the internet, employees and students will be allowed to access other networks. Each network may have its own set of policies and procedures. Users should abide by the policies and procedures of these other networks. In addition, students and employees will follow the guidelines listed below.

The internet can provide a vast collection of educational resources for students. It is a global network, making it impossible to control all of the information available. Because information appears, disappears, and changes constantly, it is not possible to predict or control what students may locate. Although students will be under supervision while on the network, it is not possible to constantly monitor individual students and what they are accessing on the network. Consequently, some students might encounter information that may not be of educational value to them.

1. All use of the internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the purpose of the district and all written policies.
2. Any use of the internet for commercial or for-profit purposes is prohibited.
3. Extensive use of the internet for personal and/or private business is prohibited.
4. Any use of the internet for product advertisement or political lobbying is prohibited.
5. Internet accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account for the authorized purpose.
6. Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on the internet.
7. No use of the internet shall serve to disrupt the use of the internet by others; hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way.
8. Malicious use of the internet (including hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks and other antisocial behaviors) or the development of programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer or computing system and/or damage the software components of a computer or computing system is prohibited.
9. The illegal installation of copyrighted software for use on district computers is prohibited.
10. Transmission or use of material, information, software, or virus in violation of any district policy, local, state or federal law is prohibited.

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11. Use of the internet to access or process pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the local area internet is prohibited.
12. Subscriptions to news groups and LISTS will only be initiated by teachers.
13. Mail from newsgroups and LISTS will be monitored daily by teachers and may be deleted from the personal mail directory to avoid excessive use of file server hard-disk space.
14. From time to time, the district will make determinations on whether specific uses of the internet are consistent with the appropriate use practice.
15. In the event that students or employees do incur unauthorized costs, besides being subject to discipline, they will be responsible for payment of those costs.

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