

District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks

General

The District believes that all students should have access to technology when they act in a responsible, efficient, courteous and legal manner. Internet access and other technologies available to students and teachers offer a multitude of global resources. Our goal in providing these services is to enhance the educational development of our students.

As part of learning, teachers and students may be using web tools such as email, blogs, wikis, podcasts, social networks and videocasts with appropriate supervision. These technologies improve student communication and collaboration skills, provide a real audience, and extend learning beyond the classroom walls while building digital citizenship skills.

Responsible uses of technology are devoted to activities that support teaching and learning. The following are our agreements about the use of technology. The District reserves the right to withdraw access and may subject the user to appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action when any misuse occurs.

Terms and Conditions for Responsible Use:

Users Will:

1. Respect copyright laws and properly cite sources.
2. Back out immediately if, by accident, materials which violate the rules of responsible use are encountered or received.
3. Have no right or expectation of privacy in electronic communications.
4. Act safely by keeping personal information out of electronic projects.
5. Treat online spaces as a classroom space, and use appropriate and respectful language, pictures, audio, video, links or other content.
6. Conserve limited disk or server space, bandwidth, and printing capacity.
7. Be held accountable for actions, for the loss of privileges, or experience other appropriate consequences if not using the network responsibly.

Users Will Not:

1. Harm other people or their work.
2. Damage, change, or tamper with the hardware, software, settings, or the network.
3. Seek, view, send, or display offensive messages or media.
4. Share passwords with another person.
5. Trespass in another user's folders, work, or files.

6. Use any form of electronic communication (personal website, cell phone, or other network connected mobile device) during school hours without appropriate permission from school staff.
7. Use any form of electronic communication to harass, intimidate, or bully anyone.
8. Give out personal information that could help someone locate themselves or any District user.

No Warranties

The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages the user suffers or any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed deliveries, or service interruptions. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information attained through or stored on the system.

Internet Safety

1. Internet access is limited to only those “Responsible Uses”, as detailed in these procedures. Internet safety is almost assured if users will not engage in inappropriate activity as detailed in these procedures.
2. To ensure that the students abide by the Terms and Conditions for Internet access, staff members shall make all reasonable efforts to supervise students while students are using District Internet access.
3. To comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act and to the extent practical, technology protection measures shall be used to block or filter content as defined by law. Filtering is by no means meant to supersede the guidelines and requirements described in this document.
4. The district shall provide age-appropriate instruction to students regarding appropriate online behavior. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to: positive interactions with others online, including on social networking sites and in chat rooms; proper online social etiquette; protection from online predators and personal safety; and how to recognize and respond to cyber bullying and other threats.

Legal Reference:	Children’s Internet Protection Act, P.L. 106-554
	Broadband Data Services Improvement Act/Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act of 2008, P.L. 110-385
	20 U.S.C. § 6801, et seq. Language instruction for limited English proficient and immigrant students
	47 U.S.C. § 254(h) and (l) Universal service

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