Computer Security Internet Safety Policy

Introduction

It is the policy of the Bon Homme School District to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of Bon Homme School District online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, 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 information regarding minors; (c) inappropriate usage including all of the above, by Bon Homme School District staff.

Supervision and Monitoring

Employees have no expectation of privacy while utilizing any school equipment. The school maintains ownership and control of all Bon Homme School District property including but not limited to computers, classroom desks, and vehicles. It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Bon Homme School District staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet Protection Act. Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the administration, Technology Coordinator, or designated representative.

Email Use

Students and staff will maintain high integrity with regard to email content. Use of inappropriate language and transmitting language/material that is profane, obscene, abusive, or offensive to others is prohibited. School district email is subject to inspection by school personnel. Sending or forwarding mass emails, chain letters, or Spam is prohibited. Private chatting, texting, or instant messaging during class without permission is prohibited.

Legal References: SDCL 20-11-1; Public Law No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)

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