

ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOLS
Independent School District No. 623

Policy 400 – Acceptable Use

1.0 Purpose

This policy is to set forth rules and guidelines for acceptable use of and access to the District computer systems and the Internet, including electronic communications.

2.0 Rationale

In an effort to promote quality educational resources, computers and Internet access, including electronic communications, are available in ISD 623. Users are expected to use technology resources to further educational goals. To use these resources in a responsible and effective manner, the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to establish and promulgate appropriate rules and procedures to assure that technology users understand acceptable use.

3.0 Use of the System is a Privilege

3.1 The use and access to the School District computer systems and internet is a privilege, not a right.

3.2 Use of the district computer system, internet access, and artificial intelligence (AI) tools, including electronic communications, shall be consistent with the mission, core values and instructional program of the School District.

4.0 No Expectation of Privacy

4.1 The School District may inspect, copy, store or remove any information or files created, stored, processed or communicated by or through its computers and networks without further notice to users.

5.0 Filter

5.1 With respect to any of its computers with Internet access, the school district will monitor the online activities of both minors and adults and employ technology protection measures during any use of such computers by minors and adults. The technology protection measures utilized will block or filter Internet access to any visual depictions that are:

5.1.1 Obscene;

5.1.2 Child pornography; or

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5.1.3 Harmful to minors.

5.2 The term “harmful to minors” means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

5.2.1 Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; or

5.2.2 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

5.2.3 Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

5.3 Software filtering technology shall be narrowly tailored and shall not discriminate based on viewpoint.

5.4 An administrator, supervisor, or other person authorized by the Superintendent may disable the technology protection measure, during use by an adult, to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

5.5 The school district will educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.

6.0 Cell Phone Use

The superintendent and school district administration will establish rules and procedures regarding student possession and use of cell phones in schools. These rules and procedures will seek to minimize the impact of cell phones on student behavior, mental health, and academic attainment. These rules and procedures may be designed for specific school buildings, grade levels, or similar criteria.

7.0 Policy Review

7.1 Because of the rapid changes in the development of the Internet, the school board shall conduct an annual review of this policy, and any changes will be communicated to staff and students.

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