

Instruction

Access to Electronic Networks

Electronic networks, including the Internet, are part of the District instructional program. The Superintendent shall develop an implementation plan for this policy and appoint a system administrator.

The District is not responsible for any information that may be lost or damaged, or become unavailable when using the network, or for 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

The District electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use. The use of the District electronic network shall be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the District as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the students, and comply with the selection criteria for instructional materials and library resource center materials.

As required by federal law, students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including but not limited to:

- Interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms; and
- Cyber-bullying awareness and response.

Acceptable Use

All use of the District electronic network must be in support of education and/or research, and be in furtherance of the goals stated herein or 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 electronic network or District computers. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using electronic networks. The District *Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks* contains the appropriate uses, ethics, and protocol. Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user account but not erased, may be monitored or read by school officials.

Internet Safety

Each District computer with Internet access shall have a filtering device that blocks entry to visual depictions that are obscene, pornographic, harmful, or inappropriate for students, as defined by federal law and as determined by the Superintendent. The Superintendent 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 the person receives prior permission from the Superintendent or system administrator. The Superintendent shall include measures to address the following:

1. Ensure staff supervision of student access to online electronic networks,
2. Restrict student access to inappropriate matter or 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. Restrict unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information, such as, names and addresses.

Authorization for Electronic Network Access

Each staff member must sign the District *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* as a condition for using the District electronic network. Each student and his or her parent/guardian must also sign an *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* before being granted unsupervised use.

All users of District computers to access the Internet shall maintain the confidentiality of student records. Reasonable measures to restrict 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 Electronic Network Access* or this policy may result in disciplinary action, including the loss of network privileges and/or appropriate legal action.

LEGAL REF.: No Child Left Behind Act, 20 U.S.C. §6777.
Children 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.: 6:60 (Curriculum Content)
6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs)
7:180 (Harassment, Bullying, and Intimidation)
7:190 (Student Discipline)
7:310 (Publications)

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6:235-AP2 Web Publishing Guidelines