

Steelton-Highspire School District

Internet and Network Acceptable use policy

The primary use of the Steelton-Highspire Network also known as SHSD network shall be in support of education and research and consistent with the purposes of the School District.

The Network will be used to support the School District's curriculum, the educational community, projects between schools, communication and research for District students, teachers and administrators.

User accounts will be provided for School District staff and students.

The Steelton-Highspire School District Network will not be used for illegal activity, for profit purposes, lobbying, advertising, to transmit offensive materials, hate mail, discriminatory remarks, or to obtain obscene or pornographic material. In particular, there is to be no display or transmission of sexually explicit images, messages, or cartoons, or any transmission or use of e-mail communications that contain ethnic slurs, racial epithets, or anything that may be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, or religious or political beliefs. The e-mail system should not be used to solicit or proselytize others for commercial ventures, religious or political causes, outside organizations, or other non-School District related solicitations.

Network accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account for the authorized purpose.

Staff users shall not intentionally seek information, obtain copies, or modify files authored or created by other without the express permission of the author or creator.

Staff users shall not intentionally seek passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on the SHSD Network.

All internal communications and information accessible via the SHSD Network shall be assumed to be District property and shall not be disclosed except for School District purposes consistent with the objectives of this policy.

No use of the SHSD Network shall serve to disrupt the use of the SHSD Network by others; hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way.

The illegal use of copyrighted software is prohibited.

Subscriptions to Listservers must be pre-approved by the School District Director of Technology.

Diligent efforts must be made to delete e-mail daily from the personal mail directory to avoid use of fileserver hard disk space.

The School District may terminate the availability of the Internet in its sole discretion.

All computer communication systems, and all communications and stored information transmitted, received, or contained in the School District's information systems are the School District's property and are to be used primarily for job-related purposes. All e-mail messages are School District messages. To ensure proper use of computer systems and equipment, the School District may monitor the use of these systems and equipment from time to time. Such monitoring may include, but not be limited to, entering a staff member's e-mail files whenever there is a School District business need to do so.

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") have been implemented to block or filter Internet content or other forms of electronic communications that is inappropriate for the stated educational goals and objectives of the District.

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 pre-approved bona fide educational research or other lawful purposes that are in accordance with the District's educational goals and objectives.

TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURE. The term "technology protection measure" means a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are:

1. OBSCENE, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code;
2. CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or
3. Harmful to minors.

HARMFUL TO MINORS. The term "harmful to minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

1. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
2. Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, and actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
3. Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

SEXUAL ACT; SEXUAL CONTACT. The terms "sexual act" and "sexual contact" have the meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.

Staff members who violate this policy are subject to discipline, up to and including termination from employment.

In no event shall the School District be liable to any staff member for any damages, whether direct, indirect, special or consequential, arising out of the use of the Internet, accuracy or correctness of data bases or information contained therein or related, directly or indirectly, to any failure to delay of the School District in providing access to the Internet.

As a condition of employment and access to the SHSD Network, staff members and students/parents will be required to sign the attached form acknowledging their understanding of this policy.

Adopted: 01/31/2009

Amended:

Reviewed without Amendment:

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