

Internet Safety Policy

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Introduction

It is the policy of the Kadoka Area School District to

- ➔ Prevent user access over the district's computer network to inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications.
- ➔ Prevent unauthorized access, "hacking," and other unlawful online activity.
- ➔ Prevent unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors and school district employees.
- ➔ Provide Internet Safety Education to all students.
- ➔ Comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Technology Prevention Measures

The state provided firewall and district purchased content filter are in use to protect students from inappropriate materials. Obscene material, general & child pornography, and any material deemed harmful to minors are blocked through this filter. Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Technology Director or designated representative. Based on the Technology Director's review of internet traffic and staff referrals, the blocking/filtering settings may be altered to keep inappropriate content from being accessed by students and staff.

Students are supervised while using district computers to ensure their safety through the use of network surveillance software, staff monitoring, and classroom monitoring software. Social media, messaging programs, and email are not allowed for personal use. K-12 email accounts will be provided to all students in grades 6-12 and all district employees for school use only. K12 accounts are monitored through network surveillance and the K12 Data Center. Send/Receive Restrictions apply to students 8th grade and below.

All school district computers that are taken off site will have the necessary off-site firewall/content filter protection to help protect from inappropriate materials.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for research, dual credit courses, or other lawful purposes.

Inappropriate Network Usage

Students and Staff shall only use the District's Internet/Network for the purposes of education. Failure to abide by the District's Acceptable Use and Internet Use Policies may result in disciplinary action.

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Kadoka Area School District faculty and staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Documentation

Staff, Parents and students are informed of the Acceptable Use and Internet Use Policies at the beginning of each school year. Permission forms are sent home to each household for student use of the Internet as well as for permission to use student's works, photos, or names on the school sponsored Internet/Social Media websites.

Internet Safety Education

The Kadoka Area School District will educate all students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites, proper use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools, and cyberbullying awareness and responses.

The Superintendent is delegated authority to implement these educational requirements.