Electronic Resources and Internet Safety

Electronic Resources

The district will develop and use electronic resources as a powerful and compelling means for students to learn core subjects and applied skills in relevant and rigorous ways and for staff to educate them in such areas of need. It is the district's goal to provide students with rich and ample opportunities to use technology for important purposes in schools just as individuals in workplaces and other real-life settings use these tools. The district's technology will enable educators and students to communicate, learn, share, collaborate and create; to think and solve problems; to manage their work; and to take ownership of their lives.

The superintendent or designee will: 1) create strong electronic resources and develop related educational systems that support innovative teaching and learning; 2) provide appropriate staff development opportunities regarding this policy; and 3) develop procedures to support this policy. The superintendent or designee is authorized to develop procedures and acceptable use guidelines for staff and students as to use of district electronic resources, including those that access internet and social media, and to regulate use of personal electronic resources on district property and related to district activities.

Internet Safety

To help ensure student safety and citizenship with electronic resources, all students will be educated about Internet safety. This will include appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

To promote internet safety and appropriate online behavior of students and staff as they use electronic resources and access material from the internet, the superintendent or designee is authorized to develop or adopt internet safety procedures, acceptable use guidelines, and, for students, related instructional materials for every grade level. The superintendent or designee in evaluating such procedures and instructional materials should take into account District electronic resources, community norms, privacy rights, responsible use, and issues of concern with student or staff use of electronic resources.

As a component of district internet safety measures, all district-owned electronic resources, including computer networks and Wi-Fi, in all district facilities capable of accessing the internet must use filtering software to prevent access to obscene, racist, hateful or violent material. However, given the ever-changing nature of the internet, the district cannot guarantee that a student will never be able to access objectionable material.

Further, when students use the internet from school facilities for educational purposes, district staff will make a reasonable effort to supervise student access and use of the internet. If material is accessed that violates district policies, procedures or student guidelines for electronic resources or acceptable use, district staff may instruct the person to cease using that material and/or implement sanctions consistent with district policies, procedures, guidelines, or student codes of conduct.

Cross References: Board Policy 2020   Curriculum Development and Adoption of
                                                      Instructional Materials

                           Board Policy 2025   Copyright Compliance
                           Board Policy 3241   Classroom Management, Corrective
                                                        Actions or Punishment
                           Board Policy 4400   Election Activities
                           Board Policy 5281   Disciplinary Action and Discharge
                           Board Policy 3207   Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
                           Board Policy 4040   Public Access to District Records
                           Board Policy 3231   Student Records

Legal Reference: 18 USC §§ 2510-2522   Electronic Communication Privacy Act
                           Pub. L. No. 110-385   Protecting Children in the 21st Century
                                                        Act

Management Resources:
                           Policy News, June 2015
                           Policy News, June 2008   Electronic Resources
                           Policy News, June 2001   Congress Requires Internet Blocking at
                                                       School
                           Policy News, August 1998   Permission required to review e-mail

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