

Series 600 – Educational Program

Policy Title: ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTER NETWORKS

Policy Code No. 604.5

Because technology is a vital part of the school district curriculum, the Internet will be made available to employees and students. Appropriate and equitable use of the Internet will allow employees and students to access resources unavailable through traditional means.

Students will have access to the Internet. Individual student accounts and Internet electronic mail addresses will not be issued to students. If a student already has an electronic mail address, the student will not be permitted to use the address to send and receive mail at school. With the permission of the teacher, students may use a school account for school purposes.

The Internet can provide a vast collection of educational resources for students and employees. It is a global network which makes it impossible to control all available information. Because information appears, disappears and changes constantly, it is not possible to predict or control what students may locate. The school district makes no guarantees as to the accuracy of information received on the Internet. Although students will be under teacher supervision while on the network, it is not possible to constantly monitor individual students and what they are accessing on the network. Some students might encounter information that may not be of educational value. Student Internet records and access records are confidential records treated like other student records. Students' Internet activities will be monitored by the school district to ensure students are not accessing inappropriate sites that have visual depictions that include obscenity, child pornography or are harmful to minors. The school district will use technology protection measures to protect students from inappropriate access, including sites that include obscenity, child pornography or are harmful to minors.

The school district will monitor the online activities of students and will educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting on social networking sites and chat rooms. Students will also be educated on cyberbullying, including awareness and response. Employees will provide age appropriate training for students who use the Internet. The training provided will be designed to promote the school district's commitment to:

- * The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Internet Safety Policy;
 - * safety on the Internet;
 - * appropriate behavior while online, on social networking Web sites, and
 - * in chat rooms; and
 - * cyberbullying awareness and response.
- * Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act

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Employees and students will be instructed on the appropriate use of the Internet. Parents/guardians will be required to sign a permission form to allow their students to access the Internet. Students will sign a form acknowledging they have read and understand this Internet Acceptable Use policy and regulations, and the consequences for violation of the policy or regulations.

In compliance with federal law, this policy will be maintained at least five years beyond the termination of funding under the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) or E-rate.

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 107 Anti-Bullying/Harassment
 502.11 Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment
 505.1 Student Records
 602.16 Media Centers