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Electronic networks, including the Internet are tools that support the District's instructional programs by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The Superintendent or designee 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, damaged or unavailable when using the network/Internet, or for any information that is retrieved or transmitted via the Network/Internet. Furthermore, the District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Network/Internet.

"Network/Internet" includes all information accessed by Network/Internet sites, E-mail, on-line services, and bulletin board systems.

Curriculum

The use of the District's electronic networks/Internet 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. The use of the Network/Internet shall comply with the selection criteria for instructional materials and library/media center materials. Staff members may, consistent with the Superintendent's implementation plan, use the Network/Internet throughout the curriculum.

The District's electronic network/Internet is to be used in support of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use.

Acceptable Use

All use of the District's electronic network/Internet must be in support of education and/or research, and be in furtherance of the School Board's stated goal or for a legitimate school business purpose. In order to facilitate the use of the District Network/Internet technology by employees of the District for purposes consistent with this policy, employees shall be permitted use of the District Network/Internet for personal use provided that such personal use does not interfere with or disrupt the educational process or the normal operation of the District and that such personal use does not violate any provisions of this policy. 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's electronic network/Internet or District computers. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using the electronic network/Internet. The District's "Authorization for Electronic Network/Internet Access" contains the appropriate uses, ethics, and protocol for the Network/Internet. Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account but not erased, may be monitored or read by school officials.

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Internet Safety

Each District computer with Internet access shall have a filtering device that blocks entry to visual depictions that are: obscene, pornographic, or harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by federal law and as determined by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee 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 written permission from the Superintendent or system administrator. The Superintendent or designee shall include measures in this policy's implementation plan to address the following:

1. Limiting student access to inappropriate matter as well as restricting access to harmful materials;
2. Student safety and security when using electronic communications;
3. Limiting unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities; and
4. Limiting unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information.

Authorization for Electronic Network/Internet Access

Each staff member must sign the District's Authorization for Electronic Network/Internet Access as a condition for using the District's electronic network. Each student and their parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the "Authorization" before being granted use of the electronic network.

The failure to follow the terms of the "Authorization for Electronic Network/Internet Access" or this Policy will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

LEGAL REF.: No Child Left Behind Act, 20 U.S.C. §6777
Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §254(h) and (l)
Enhances Education Through Technology, 20 U.S.C. §6751 et seq.