

Education Program

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Policy Title: Internet-Appropriate and Safe Use

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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. The equipment, network, and other technology resources provided by the school district are the property of the school district, and shall be used only for school purposes. The school district may monitor the use of its resources, including the Internet. Users will have no expectation of privacy in the school district technology resources or any materials within.

All students may have access to the Internet. Individual accounts and electronic mail addresses may be issued to students and employees.

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 at school, it is not possible to constantly monitor individual students and what they are accessing on the network. Some students might encounter information which may not be of educational value. . The school district will use technology protection measures to restrict students from accessing inappropriate materials online, including sites that include visual depictions of obscenity, child pornography or are harmful to minors, as provided by law. Users of the school district technology resources shall not create, transmit, or access inappropriate materials or otherwise use the technology resources in an inappropriate manner.

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 this policy and corresponding regulations, and the Internet Safety Policy.
- Student safety with regard to:
 - safety on the Internet, including safety and security when using email, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
 - appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms
 - cyberbullying awareness and response.

- Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act as applicable.

Students will also be educated about restrictions on unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking”, and other unlawful activities online, as well as precautions with regard to disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information.

Employees and students will be instructed on the appropriate use of the Internet. Parents will be informed of the Responsible Use Procedures form upon registration, and students will be instructed concerning those procedures.

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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Cross Reference: 104 Anti-Bullying /Harassment
502 Student Rights and Responsibilities
504 Student Health and Safety Regulations
506 Student Records
605.5 School Library/Media Centers

Legal References: 47 C.F.R 54.520
Iowa Code § 279.8