

## **Access to Electronic Media**

### **ELECTRONIC MAIL/INTERNET**

The District offers students, staff, and members of the community access to the District's computer network for electronic mail and Internet. Because access to the Internet may expose users to items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or offensive, we require all students under the age of eighteen (18) to submit a completed Parent Permission/User Agreement Form to the Principal/designee prior to access/use. All other users will be required to complete and submit a User Agreement Form.

Except in cases involving students who are at least eighteen (18) years of age and have no legal guardian, parents/guardians may request that the school/District:

- Provide access so that the parent may examine the contents of their child(ren)'s email files;
- Terminate their child(ren)'s individual email account and/or Internet access; and
- Provide alternative activities for their child(ren) that do not require Internet access.

In addition, parents wanting to challenge information accessed via the District's technology resources should refer to Policy 08.2322/Review of Instructional Materials and any related procedures.

### **GENERAL STANDARDS FOR USERS**

Standards for users shall be included in the District's handbooks or other documents, which shall include specific guidelines for student, staff, and community member access to and use of electronic resources.

Access is a privilege—not a right. Users are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks. Independent access to network service is given to individuals who agree to act in a responsible manner. Users are required to comply with District standards and to honor the access/usage agreements they have signed. Beyond clarification of user standards, the District is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network independently.

The network is provided for users to conduct research and to communicate with others. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school hours, teachers of younger children will guide their students to appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio, and other media that may carry/broadcast information.

### **NO PRIVACY GUARANTEE**

The Superintendent/designee has the right to access information stored in any user directory, on the current user screen, or in electronic mail. S/he may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that individuals are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect files stored on District servers or on District provided or sponsored technology services, to be private.

**Access to Electronic Media****RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Violations of the Acceptable Use Policy include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Violating State and Federal legal requirements addressing student and employee rights to privacy, including unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information.
2. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures, including those that involve:
  - Profanity or obscenity; or
  - Harassing or intimidating communications.
3. Damaging computer systems, computer networks, or school/District websites.
4. Violating copyright laws, including illegal copying of commercial software and/or other protected material.
5. Using another user's password, "hacking" or gaining unauthorized access to computers or computer systems, or attempting to gain such unauthorized access.
6. Trespassing in another user's folder, work, or files.
7. Intentionally wasting limited resources, including downloading of freeware or shareware programs.
8. Using the network for commercial purposes, financial gain or any illegal activity.
9. Using technology resources to bully, threaten or attack a staff member or student or to access and/or set up unauthorized blogs and online journals, including, but not limited to MySpace.com, Facebook.com or Xanga.com.

Additional rules and regulations may be found in District handbooks and/or other documents. Violations of these rules and regulations may result in loss of access/usage as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

**RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

08.2322

09.14

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