

Instruction

Technology and Instruction

Electronic Information Resources (Internet)

The district sponsored Internet account is a privilege offered each academic year to students and staff. In conformity to the Board of Education's Internet policy, the following regulations (guidelines) have been established:

A. Usage Guidelines

The Internet account holder is held responsible for his/her actions and activity within his/her account. Unacceptable uses of the network by students can result in a variety of consequences up to and including suspension from school and or revocation of these privileges. In the case of any breach of this policy by an employee, such disciplinary action may include discharge.

Examples of unacceptable use include:

1. Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright laws;
2. Using the network for financial or commercial gains;
3. Degrading or disrupting equipment, software or system performance;
4. Vandalizing the data of another user;
5. Gaining unauthorized access to accounts and web pages.
6. Accessing chat rooms, websites, or forums, and posting anonymous messages.
7. Sending, downloading, storing or printing files or messages that are profane, threatening, pornographic, obscene, or that use language that offends or tends to degrade others;
8. Not using electronic information resources in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner at all times;
9. Providing personal information about himself/herself while using the Internet or computer networks other than first name and school e-mail address;
10. Students subscribing to list servers, news groups, or using the e-mail function without permission without permission of their teachers.
11. Communicating credit card numbers, bank account numbers, or any other financial information.
12. Violating the Content Guidelines as outlined below.

B. Content Guidelines

Students will be allowed to produce materials for electronic publication on the Internet. Staff will monitor these materials to ensure compliance with content standards. The content of student materials is constrained by the following restrictions:

1. No personal information about a student will be allowed, including home telephone numbers and addresses.
2. No text, image, movie or sound that contains pornography, profanity, obscenity, threats, or language that offends or tends to degrade others will be allowed.

C. Discovery of Inappropriate Materials

Students who discover material that contains pornography, profanity, obscenity, threats or language that offends or tends to degrade others, or material that advocates illegal activities shall immediately report the discovery and the actions that led to it to the responsible teacher.

D. In order to use the Internet within the school system, users must agree to these guidelines.

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