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2 **Student Internet and Information Technologies Access**

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4 Students are expected to use information technologies and the Internet as an
5 educational resource. The following procedures and guidelines govern the use of
6 computers and the Internet at school.

7 **I. Student Expectations in the Use of the Internet**

8 **A. Acceptable Use**

- 9 1. Students may use the Internet to conduct research assigned by
10 teachers.
- 11 2. Students may use the Internet to conduct research for classroom
12 projects.
- 13 3. Students may use the Internet to gain access to information about
14 current events.
- 15 4. Students may use the Internet to conduct research for school-
16 related activities.
- 17 5. Students may use the Internet for appropriate educational
18 purposes.

19 **B. Unacceptable Use**

- 20 1. Students shall not use school information technologies and/or
21 network systems to gain access to material that is obscene,
22 pornographic, harmful to minors, or otherwise inappropriate for
23 educational uses.
- 24 2. Students shall not engage in any illegal or inappropriate activities
25 on school information technology, including the downloading and
26 copying of copyrighted material.
- 27 3. Students shall not use chat rooms or instant messaging except as
28 approved by administration for educational purposes.
- 29 4. Students shall not use school information technologies to
30 participate in on-line auctions, on-line gaming, mp3/mp4 sharing
31 systems.
- 32 5. Students shall not disclose personal information, such as their
33 names, school, addresses, or telephone numbers outside the
34 school network.
- 35 6. Students shall not use school information technology for
36 commercial advertising or political advocacy of any kind without the
37 express written permission of the system administrator.
- 38 7. Students shall not publish web pages that purport to represent the
39 school district or the work of students at the school district without

- 40 the express written permission of the system administrator.
- 41 8. Students shall not erase, rename or make unusable anyone else's
42 computer files, programs or disks.
- 43 9. Students shall not share their passwords with fellow students,
44 school volunteers, or any other individuals, and shall not use, or try
45 to discover, another user's password.
- 46 10. Students shall not copy, change or transfer any software or
47 documentation provided by the school district, teachers or another
48 student without permission from the system administrator.
- 49 11. Students shall not write, produce, generate, copy, propagate or
50 attempt to introduce any computer code designed to self-replicate,
51 damage, or otherwise hinder the performance of any computer's
52 memory, file system, or software. Such software is often called, but
53 is not limited to, a bug, virus, worm, or Trojan Horse.
- 54 12. Students shall not configure or troubleshoot computers, networks,
55 printers or other associated equipment, except as directed by a
56 teacher or the system administrator.
- 57 13. Students shall not take home technology equipment (hardware or
58 software) without permission of the system administrator or building
59 administrator.
- 60 14. Students shall not forge electronic mail messages or web pages.

61 **II. Enforcement**

62 **A. Methods of Enforcement**

- 63 1. The district monitors all Internet communications, Internet usage
64 and patterns of Internet usage. Students have no right of privacy to
65 any Internet communications or other electronic files. The
66 computer system is owned by the school district. As with any
67 school property, any electronic files on the system are subject to
68 search and inspection at any time.
- 69 2. The school district uses a technology protection measure that
70 blocks access to some Internet sites that are not in accordance
71 with the policy of the school district.
- 72 3. Due to the nature of filtering technology, the filter may at times filter
73 pages that are appropriate for student research. The system
74 administrator may override the technology protection measure for
75 the student to access a site with legitimate educational value that is
76 wrongly blocked.
- 77 4. The school district staff will monitor students' use of the Internet
78 through direct supervision and by monitoring Internet use history to
79 ensure enforcement of the policy.

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B. Consequences for Violation of this Policy

- 1. Access to the school’s computer system and to the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Any violation of school policy and rules may result in:
 - a. Loss of information technologies privileges;
 - b. Short-term suspension;
 - c. Long-term suspension or expulsion in accordance with the Nebraska Student Discipline Act; and
 - d. Other discipline as school administration and the school board deem appropriate.
- 2. Students who use school information technology systems without permission and for non-school purposes may be guilty of a criminal violation and will be prosecuted.

III. Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)

- A. The school will not allow companies to collect personal information from children under 13 for commercial purposes. The school will make reasonable efforts to disable advertising in educational computer applications.
- B. This policy allows the school to act as an agent for parents in the collection of information within the school context. The school’s use of student information is solely for education purposes.

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