

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (K-20 NETWORK)

The board of directors recognizes that the Union Gap School District is connected to a statewide communications system (the K-20 Network), which provides Internet access and interactive video conferencing. This network allows unprecedented opportunities for students, staff and the educational community to communicate, learn, access and publish information. The Board believes that the resources available through this network and the skills that students will develop in using it are of significant value in the learning process and student success in the future. These new opportunities also pose many new challenges including, but not limited to, access for all students, age-level appropriateness of material, conservation of resources, security /privacy / confidentiality, and cost of maintaining the system. The Union Gap School District will endeavor to ensure that these concerns are appropriately addressed, but cannot insure that problems will not arise.

By connecting to this network, the board of directors intends only to provide a means for educational activities and does not intend to create a first amendment forum for free expression purposes. The Union Gap School District dedicates the property comprising the network, and grants access to it by users, only for the educational activities authorized under this policy and procedures and under the specific limitations contained therein.

The board of directors directs the superintendent to provide training and procedures that encourage the widest possible access to the K-20 network by students, staff and the educational community, while establishing reasonable controls for the lawful, efficient and appropriate use and management of the system.

Cross References:	Board Policy 2020	Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials
	Board Policy 2025	Copyright Compliance
	Board Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
	Board Policy 4400	Election Activities
	Board Policy 5281	Disciplinary Action and Discharge

Legal Reference:	18 USC §§ 2510-2522	Electronic Communication Privacy Act
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