ETHICAL USE OF DISTRICT OR PRIVATE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Ethical behavior requires that District staff and students show consideration and respect whenever using computers or electronic communication/technology/devices/resources. When interacting with each other, District staff and students shall:

A.   not include in electronic communication between staff, students and/or parents/guardians, comments or content that would not be acceptable in face-to-face communication;

B.   not disclose, use, or disseminate unauthorized personal information of another person;

C.   distinguish between personal social networking sites and professional social networking sites. Staff shall not invite or accept current District students, except for the staff person's relatives, into any personal social networking sites; and

D.   evaluate all information for its accuracy, reliability and authority.

Disciplinary action may be taken against staff or students whose off-site communication causes a substantial disruption to the education environment or substantially interferes with another's rights. Criminal action may be taken if the off-site communication constitutes a threat.

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