

Instruction

ALTERNATE – Internet Use

The global electronic community, commonly referred to as the "Information Superhighway" or the "Internet," is a very valuable resource for education. The Internet, (including, but not limited to, Internet sites, pages, files, E-mail, on-line services, and bulletin board systems) provides access to a vast array of resources which can be used to support the curriculum by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The School Board's goal is to include the resources of the Internet in the District's instructional program where appropriate to increase learning and improve instruction. The Superintendent or designee will develop an implementation plan for this policy, which will include administrative procedures for staff and student use of the Internet.

Use is a privilege, not a right, and therefore can be suspended or revoked. All use of the District's connection to the Internet must be in support of education and/or research, be consistent with the educational objectives, policies, rules, and regulations of the Board of Education, and be in compliance with and subject to District and building discipline codes.

The use of the Internet will be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the District as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the students. Selection of materials, sites, services, bulletin board systems, etc. from the Internet will comply with the Board's selection policy for instructional materials and library-media center materials.

The Internet may be used in a variety of formats. These include E-mail; downloaded materials; teacher-selected material in a prescriptive setting; and "live" Internet interaction, in which material is not preselected.

For purposes of this policy, individual School Board members and all employees will be considered teachers. Students may not make a live Internet connection without the direct supervision of a certified staff member and/or a trained assistant

General rules for behavior and communications, as stated in the District's and school's code of conducts, apply when using the Internet, whether the electronic connection is made at school or remotely through School District network interfaces.

Breaches of this code of conduct during use of the Internet will be treated as though they occurred "live." That is, within the school. The failure of any student or teacher to follow the terms of this policy or its administrative procedures, rules, or regulations will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

The School District is not responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable when using District resources, or for any information that is retrieved via the Internet. The District will provide a software program for the purpose of filtering the Internet. Furthermore, the District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

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