

STUDENTS

Use of Electronic Services and Networks

The District provides access for students to the Internet as an educational tool. Because the Internet is uncensored and can be misused, no student shall be allowed to use the District's access to the Internet unless the student and the student's parent first sign the district's *Authorization for Electronic Network Access*. The District will provide reasonable supervision of students using its access to the Internet and attempt to do what is technologically reasonable with filtering software to prevent students from obtaining access to pornographic or harmful matter. Students using the District's Internet access shall have no right of privacy in their use of that system. Staff may monitor or examine all system activities a student takes part in to ensure proper use of the system. Students who fail to abide by district Internet rules may be subject to disciplinary action, revocation of their privilege to use the system, or legal action as appropriate

Misuse of the District's access to the Internet includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) use of the District's access to the Net for other than educational purposes;
- (b) gaining intentional access or maintaining access to materials which are obscene, pornographic, or whose dominant appeal is sexual arousal;
- (c) using the Net for any illegal activity, including computer hacking and copyright or intellectual property law violations;
- (d) accessing "chat lines" unless authorized by the instructor for a class activity directly supervised by a staff member;
- (e) using abusive or profane language in private messages on the system; or using the system to harass, insult, or verbally attack others;
- (f) posting anonymous messages on the system;
- (g) using encryption software;
- (h) vandalizing data of another user;
- (i) obtaining or sending information which could be used to make destructive devices such as guns, weapons, bombs, explosives, or fireworks;
- (j) gaining unauthorized access to resources or files;
- (k) identifying oneself with another person's name or password or using an account or password of another user without proper authorization;
- (l) using the network for financial or commercial gain without district permission; or
- (m) introducing a virus to, or otherwise improperly tampering with the system;

Legal Reference: § 20-5-201, MCA Duties and Sanctions
 20 U.S.C. § 9134 Children's Internet Protection Act

Cross References:

Policy History:

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