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TITLE: District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks

Internet access and interconnected computer systems are available to the District's users (students and faculty). Interconnected computer systems and electronic networks, including the Internet, are a part of the District's instructional program in order to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

In order for the District to be able to continue to make its computer systems and network/Internet access available, all users must take responsibility for appropriate and lawful use this access. Users utilizing school-provided Internet access are responsible for good behavior on-line. The same general rules for behavior apply to users of District-provided computer systems. Users must understand that misuse of the network and Internet access may jeopardize the ability of all to enjoy such access. While the District will make reasonable efforts to supervise use of network and Internet access, it must have users' cooperation in exercising and promoting responsible use of this access.

In accordance with this policy and the Board's philosophy to ensure the safety of users, the District shall provide an appropriate planned instructional component for internet safety which shall be integrated into the District's regular instructional program. The purpose of the program is to increase users' knowledge of safe practices for internet use.

The use of the District's electronic computer systems and networks shall 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, and shall comply with the selection criteria for instructional materials and library-media center materials. Staff-Members may, consistent with the District's educational goals, use the Internet throughout the curriculum.

The District's electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use. The superintendent and building principals will establish administrative procedures to enforce this policy and provide direction to the technology department.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-132 Local school boards internet use policy required

Children's Internet Protection Act, P.L. 106-55420 U.S.C.
§ 6801, et seq. 47 U.S.C. § 254(h) and (l)

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