INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY STATEMENT

Mission

The district provides electronic information resources to students and staff. It is our mission to improve learning and teaching through interpersonal communication, student access to information, research, teacher training, collaboration and dissemination of successful educational practices, methods and materials. The Board of Education supports the right of students, employees, and community members to have reasonable access to various information formats and believes it is incumbent upon users to utilize this privilege in an appropriate and reasonable manner.

Internet Safety Policy - Procedures and Guidelines

The Superintendent shall develop and implement appropriate procedures to provide guidance for access to electronic information. Internet safety measures shall be implemented that address the following, within technical and budgetary constraints (or limitations):

- Controlling access by students to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web;
- Safety and security of students when they are using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of electronic communication;
- Preventing unauthorized access, including “hacking” and other unlawful activities by students online;
- Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding students;
- Restricting students’ access to materials harmful to them;
- Monitoring the online activities of minors; and
- Educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

District procedures shall address teacher supervision of student computer use, ethical use of electronic media (including, but not limited to, the internet, e-mail, and other district technology resources), and issues of privacy versus administrative review of electronic files and communications. In addition, guidelines shall prohibit utilization of networks for prohibited or illegal activities, the intentional spreading of embedded messages, or the use of other programs with the potential of damaging or destroying programs or data.

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