

7308 Internet Guidelines, Terms, and Conditions

Introduction

The Community High School District 94 Internet network is a part of the School

District's instructional program. Use of the School District's Internet allows students and staff potential access to electronic mail communication and other forms of electronic communication; to information via the World-Wide Web and other information networks; to various research sources including certain university library catalogs, the Library of Congress, and other research databases. The use of the term "Internet" or "network" in this policy refers to all information accessed through the School District's Internet network from the various sources as identified above and any and all information accessed using District means of access. Access to the Internet and the School District's network is part of the District curriculum and is not a public forum for general use.

It is the policy of the School District to (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254 (h)].

Definitions

Key terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

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Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the School District's network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking" and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Employees shall not load onto the District's network or Internet any student work or District work product (as defined in 7308P) without prior approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

The School District shall provide education to all of its students about inappropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, cyberbullying awareness and responses to cyberbullying.

Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Community High School staff to supervise and monitor use of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Technology Director or designated representative.

Disclaimer

The District denies any responsibility for any information, including its accuracy or quality, obtained or transmitted through use of the Internet. Further, the District denies responsibility for any information that may be lost, damaged or altered or unavailable when using the District's network. Employees shall be solely responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from their access to the Internet.

Procedures

Authorized use of the District's network and the Internet shall be governed by administrative procedures developed by the Superintendent.

Adoption

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