

The district recognizes the importance of developing students into agile learners who are capable of addressing the complex needs of our future workforce and citizenship. For this reason, the district has prioritized making available technology and programs that teach students to embrace modern technology and tools while fostering a secure learning environment for students to the extent reasonable. Because technology is a vital part of the school district curriculum, technology hardware (computers, iPads, etc.), computer software, and the Internet will be made available to employees and students. Appropriate and equitable use of computer hardware, software, and the Internet will allow employees and students to access resources unavailable through traditional means. However, access is a privilege, not a right. Each student and staff member must have a signed acceptable use agreement on file prior to having access to and using the district's technology, network and the internet.

Every item of technology in the district having internet access shall be subject to a technology protection measure (i.e., filtering software). The technology protection measure employed by the district shall be designed and operated with the intent to ensure that students are not accessing inappropriate sites that have visual depictions that include obscenity, child pornography or are otherwise harmful to minors. The technology protection measure may only be disabled for an adult's use if such use is for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

The Director of Technology may close a user account at any time and the Director of Technology may deny, revoke or suspend user accounts at the request of the administration. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with technology and/or network systems may be denied access to the district's technology, network systems and the internet. Students and staff members will be instructed by the Director of Technology, or other appropriate personnel, on the appropriate use of the district's technology, network and the internet.

The use of the district's technology, network and internet access shall be for educational purposes only. Students and staff members shall only engage in appropriate, ethical, and legal utilization of the district's technology, network systems, and internet access. Student and staff member use of the district's technology, network and internet access shall comply with all district policies and regulations.

The following rules provide guidance to students and staff for the appropriate use of the district's technology, network and internet access. Inappropriate use and/or access will result in the restriction and/or termination of the privilege of access to the district's technology, network and internet access. Inappropriate use by students may result in further discipline up to and including expulsion. Inappropriate use by a staff member may result in further discipline up to and including termination of employment and/or other legal action. The district's administration will determine what constitutes inappropriate use and their decision will be final.

#### Prohibited Activity and Uses

- Use of offensive or harassing statements or language including disparagement of others based on age, color, creed, national origin, race, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, or familial status.

- Use of vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Be polite and follow the same privacy, ethical, educational, and other considerations observed regarding other forms of communication.-
- Accessing, creating, or disseminating any material that is obscene, libelous, indecent, vulgar, profane or lewd; any material regarding products or services that are inappropriate for minors including products or services that the possession and/or use of by minors is prohibited by law.
- Any material that constitutes insulting or fighting words which injures or harasses others is prohibited-
- Receiving, transmitting or making available to others obscene, offensive or sexually explicit materials.
- Use for commercial activity or personal gain.
- Revealing the personal address, telephone number or other personal information of oneself or another person.
- Use of another's account or password.
- Infringing on any copyrights or other intellectual property rights, including copying, installing, receiving, transmitting or making available any copyrighted software. Students and staff shall obtain permission from appropriate parties prior to using copyrighted material that is accessed through the district's technology, network systems, and/or the internet.
- Intentionally disrupting network traffic or crashing the network and connected systems.
- Installing or using software without prior permission and/or supervision from the Director of Technology or other appropriate personnel.
- Post or use of confidential information, including the district's logo, photos, images, iconography, etc. on external websites unless author, about the school district, its employees, students, agents or others on the external web without prior written consent of the superintendent, Director of Technology, or other appropriate personnel.
- Use of games or other programs not related to educational purposes.
- Vandalize the district's technology or its network systems. "Vandalism" is defined as any attempt to harm, modify, deface or destroy physical technology or the network and any attempt to harm or destroy data stored on the district's technology or the network or the data of another user. All users are expected to immediately report any problems or vandalism of technology equipment to the administration, the technology coordinator or the instructor responsible for the equipment.

The district will educate students about appropriate use of technology designed to promote the school district's commitment to:

- The standards and acceptable use of the Internet services as set forth in this policy and regulation
- Student safety with regard to Internet safety, appropriate behavior while online, and cyberbullying awareness and response
- Compliance with the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act

Although reasonable efforts will be made to make sure students will be under supervision while on the network, it is not possible to constantly monitor individual students and what they are accessing on the network. Some students may encounter information that may not be of educational value and/or may be inappropriate. If a student encounters such information, the student should terminate access to the information immediately and notify supervisory personnel or other appropriate personnel of what occurred.

Students will be able to access the district's technology and network systems, including use of the internet, through their teachers and/or other appropriate supervisors. The district has the right,

but not the duty, to monitor any and all aspects of its technology, network systems and internet access including, but not limited to, monitoring sites students and staff visit on the internet and reviewing e-mail. The administration and the Director of Technology shall have both the authority and right to examine all technology and internet activity including any logs, data, e-mail, storage and/or other technology related records of any user. The use of e-mail is limited to district and educational purposes only. Students and staff waive any right to privacy in anything they create, store, send, disseminate or receive on the district's technology and network systems, including the internet.-

Parents/guardians will be required to sign a permission form to allow their students to access the district's technology, network systems and the internet. Students and staff members will sign a form acknowledging they have read and understand the district's policies and regulations regarding appropriate use of the district's technology, network systems and the internet; that they will comply with the policies and regulations; and understand the consequences for violation of the policy or regulations. Prior to publishing any student work and/or pictures on the internet, the district will obtain permission via Online Registration from the student's parents/guardians.

No warranties, expressed or implied, are made by the district for the technology and internet access being provided. Although the district has taken measures to implement and maintain protection against the presence of viruses, spyware, and malware on the district's technology, network systems, and internet access, the district cannot and does not warranty or represent that the district's technology, network systems or internet access will be secure and free of viruses, spyware or malware at all times. The district, including its officers and employees, will not be responsible for any damages including, but not limited to, the loss of data, delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries or service interruptions caused by negligence or omission. Individual users are solely responsible for making backup copies of their data. The district is not responsible for the accuracy of information users access on the internet and is not responsible for any unauthorized charges students or staff members may incur as a result of their use of the district's technology, network systems, and/or internet access. Any risk and/or damages resulting from information obtained from the district's technology, network systems, and/or internet access is assumed by and is the responsibility of the user.

Students, parents, and staff members may be asked from time to time to sign a new consent and/or acceptable use agreement to reflect changes and/or developments in the law or technology. When students, parents, and staff members are presented with new consent and/or acceptable use agreements to sign, these agreements must be signed for students and/or staff to continue to have access to and use of the district's technology, network systems, and the internet.

The interpretation, application, and modification of this policy are within the sole discretion of the school district. Any questions or issues regarding this policy should be directed to the Superintendent, any building principal or the Director of Technology.

The board will review and update this policy as necessary. The district will maintain this policy at least five (5) years after the termination of funding pursuant to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) or E-rate.

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