

## **Responsible Use For Students**

Computers, computer networks, electronic devices, Internet access, and e-mail are effective and important technological resources. The Board of Education provides computers, a computer network, including Internet access and an e-mail system, as well as any electronic devices that access the network such as wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held equipment that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture and recording, sound recording, information transmitting and/or receiving, storing, etc. (including, but not limited to, laptops, Kindles, radios, I-pads, or other tablet computers) referred to collectively as "the computer systems", in order to enhance both the educational opportunities for our students and the business operations of the district.

### **I. Appropriate Use**

These computer systems are business and educational tools. As such, they are made available to students for education related uses. The Administration shall develop regulations setting forth procedures to be used by the Administration in an effort to ensure that such computer systems are used by students solely for education related purposes.

### **II. Monitoring Computer Activity**

It is important that students and parents understand that the district, as the owner of the computer systems, reserves the right to monitor and review the use of these computer systems. The district intends to monitor and review in a limited fashion, but will do so as needed to ensure that the systems are being used for district-related educational purposes. Typical examples include when there is reason to suspect inappropriate conduct or there is a problem with the computer systems needing correction. Further, the system administrator and others managing the computer systems can access or monitor activity on the systems despite the use of passwords by individual users, and can bypass such passwords. In addition, review of emails, messages or information stored on the computer systems, which can be forensically retrieved, includes those messages and/or electronic data sent, posted and/or retrieved using social networking sites, including, but not limited to, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Snapchat.

Students should not have any expectation of personal privacy in the use of the computer system or other electronic devices that access the computer system. Use of the computer system represents a student's acknowledgement that the student has read and understands this policy and any applicable regulations in their entirety, including the provisions regarding monitoring and review of computer activity.

### **III. Internet Safety**

The Board will educate minor students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber-bullying awareness and response. Additionally, the Board will implement a technology protection measure to block or filter internet access to visual depictions that contain obscene material, contain child pornography, or are harmful to minors and ensure that such filtering technology is operative during computer use by minor students.

**INSTRUCTION**

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Legal References: Children's Internet Protection Act, Pub. L. 106-554, codified at 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)  
Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 53a-182b; 53a-183; 53a-250  
Electronic Communication Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2510 through 2520  
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, codified at 20 U.S.C. § 6777  
Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, Pub. Law 110-385, codified at 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(5)(B)(iii).

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