

Internet Acceptable Use: Filtering

Wallingford Public Schools has access to the Internet at all schools. This access provides increased opportunities for students and staff to conduct research and to communicate locally, nationally, and internationally.

This resource also provides access to material unsuitable for students and which has no educational value. It is the responsibility of all District staff to ensure that the Internet, as used in District Schools, is appropriately monitored. Problems should be immediately reported to the Information Technology (IT) Department.

In order to ensure that the District's Internet connection is used in an appropriate manner and that all users are protected from inappropriate information published on the Internet, the District has and is continuing to implement the following:

1. Professional development opportunities to help teachers integrate the use of the Internet into classroom teaching.
2. Use of computers, computer systems, software electronic access privileges and networks shall be restricted to those users who have signed the District's "Responsible Use Policy." In the case of minors, the "Responsible Use Policy" must also be signed by the student's parent or guardian.
3. Implementation of a system developed to filter out Internet sites with content considered unacceptable for student viewing. A committee of teachers, parents, and administrators shall be used to review appeals from users who have a specific use in mind for a filtered site.

The Internet changes rapidly making it impossible to filter all objectionable sites. Therefore, the staff role in supervising and monitoring student access to the Internet is critical. In addition, each individual has the responsibility to monitor their own navigation on the Internet to avoid undesirable sites.

The District recognizes its responsibility to educate students regarding appropriate behavior on social networking and chat room sites about cyberbullying. Therefore, students shall be provided instruction about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.

(cf. 6141.321 – Acceptable Use of the Internet)

(cf. 6141.322 – Web Sites/Pages)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-213 Access to public records. Exempt records.

10-15b Access of parent or guardian to student's records.

10-209 Records not to be public.

INSTRUCTION

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Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)

11-8a Retention, destruction and transfer of documents.

11-8b Transfer or disposal of public records. State Library Board to adopt regulations.

46b-56 (e) Access to Records of Minors.

Connecticut Public Records Administration Schedule V – Disposition of Education Records (Revised 1983).

Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended, added by section 513 of PL 93-568, codified at 20 U.S.C. 1232g.).

Dept. of Education. 34 CFR. Part 99 (May 9, 1980 45 FR 30802) regs. Implementing FERPA enacted as part of 438 of General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g)-parent and student privacy and other rights with respect to educational records, as amended 11/21/96.

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