

## Instruction

### Access to Electronic Networks

Electronic networks, including the Internet, are a part of the District's instructional program in order to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The Superintendent or designee shall develop an implementation plan for this policy and appoint a systems administrator.

The School District is not responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable when using the network, or for any information that is retrieved or transmitted via the Internet. Furthermore, the District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

### Curriculum

The use of the District's electronic networks shall (1) be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the District as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the students and (2) comply with the selection criteria for instructional materials and library resource center materials. Staff members may, consistent with the Superintendent's implementation plan, use the Internet throughout the curriculum.

The District's electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use.

### Acceptable Use

All use of the District's electronic network must be (1) in support of education and/or research, and be in furtherance of the Board of Education's stated goal or (2) for a legitimate school business purpose. Use is a privilege, not a right. Students and staff members have no expectation of privacy in any material that is stored, transmitted, or received via the District's electronic network or District computers. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using electronic networks. The District's administrative procedure, *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks*, contain the appropriate uses, ethics, and protocol. Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account but not erased, may be monitored or read by school officials.

### Internet Safety

Each District computer with Internet access shall have a filtering device that blocks entry to visual depictions that are (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3) harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act and as determined by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall enforce the use of such filtering devices. The Superintendent or designee shall include measures in this policy's implementation plan to address the following:

1. Ensure staff supervision of student access to online electronic networks,
2. Restrict student access to inappropriate matter as well as restricting access to harmful materials;
3. Ensure student and staff privacy, safety and security when using electronic communications;
4. Restrict unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities; and
5. Restrict unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information, such as, names and addresses.

### Authorization for Electronic Network Access

Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* before being granted unsupervised use.

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All users of the District's computers and means of Internet access shall maintain the confidentiality of student records. Reasonable measures to protect against unreasonable access shall be taken before confidential student information is loaded onto the network.

The failure of any student to follow the terms of the District's administrative procedure, Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks, or this policy, will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

In order for a district employee to access the internet on a district computer, they must accept the *Code of Conduct for Electronic Network Access* which will be displayed on their computer screen as they log into the network.

LEGAL REF.: No Child Left Behind Act, 20 U.S.C. §6777.  
Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §254 (h) and (l).  
Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, 20 U.S.C. §6751 et seq.  
720 ILCS 135/0.01.

CROSS REF.: 5:100, 5:170, 6:40, 6:210,. 6:230, 6:260, 7:130, 7:190, 7:310

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