

Electronic Information System (Networks)

The Board of Directors recognizes that the District is implementing an electronic communications system (network) that will allow unprecedented opportunities for students, staff and patrons to communicate, learn, access, and publish information. The Board believes that the resources available through this network and the skills that students will develop in using it are of significant value in the learning process. The Board also believes that students need to be proficient users of information, media, and technology to succeed in a digital world.

By creating this network, the Board intends only to provide a means for educational activities and does not intend to create a first amendment forum for free expression purposes. The District dedicates the property comprising the network, and grants access to it by users, only for the educational activities authorized under this policy and procedures and under the specific limitations contained therein. Use of the system to access, store, or distribute obscene or pornographic material is prohibited.

To help ensure student safety and citizenship in online activities, students will be educated about appropriate behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyber-bullying awareness and response.

A prerequisite for the use of the Internet is an authorization form completed by each District employee, requesting access to the Network. Any use without authorization is prohibited.

The Board directs the Superintendent to provide training and procedures that encourage access to electronic information systems and networks by students, staff and patrons while establishing reasonable controls for the lawful, efficient and appropriate use and management of the system. The network, the messages transmitted, and the documents created on it are the property of the District. The District will supervise the use of such property and provide guidance via district documents Policy 2314 RR and Social Media Guidelines.

Legal Reference: 18 U.S.C. §§ 2510 Electronic Communication Privacy Act
 Pub. L. No. 110-385 Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act
 Pub. L. No. 106-554 Neighborhood Children's Internet Protect Action
 47 U.S.C. § 254(1)(B) Children's Internet Protection Act

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