

Electronic Resources

The Reardan-Edwall School District Board of Directors recognizes that an effective public education system develops students who are globally aware, civically engaged, and capable of managing their lives and careers. The board also believes that students need to be proficient and safe users of information, media, and technology to succeed in a digital world.

Therefore, the district will use electronic resources as a powerful and compelling means for students to learn core subjects and applied skills in relevant and rigorous ways. It is the district's goal to provide students with rich and ample opportunities to use technology for important purposes in schools just as individuals in workplaces and other real-life settings use these tools. The district's technology will enable educators and students to communicate, learn, share, collaborate and create; to think and solve problems; to manage their work; and to take ownership of their lives.

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

The superintendent or designee will create strong electronic educational systems that support innovative teaching and learning, to provide appropriate staff development opportunities and to develop procedures to support this policy.

Use of the Internet

The question of internet safety includes issues regarding the use of the internet, internet-ready, and other electronic devices in a manner that promotes safe online activity for children, protects children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators and cyber bullying, and helps parents shield their children from materials that are inappropriate for minors.

To promote the safe and appropriate online behavior of students and staff as they access material from the internet, the district will use the following four-part approach. However, given the ever-changing nature of the internet, the district cannot guarantee that a student will never be able to access objectionable material.

Network Use Agreement

Any student or staff member using the Internet from a computer in the district facility must have a valid Network Use Agreement on file.

Filter

All district-owned computers in all district facilities capable of accessing the internet must use filtering software to prevent access to obscene, racist, hateful or violent material.

Supervision

When students use the internet from school facilities, district staff will make a reasonable effort to supervise student access and use of the internet. If material is accessed that violates standards in the materials selection procedures of the Network Use Agreement, then district staff may

instruct the person to cease using that material and/or implement sanctions contained in the Network Use Agreement.

Instruction

All students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyber bullying awareness and response.

Cross References:

Model Policy 2020, Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials
Model Policy 2025, Copyright Compliance
Model Policy 3207, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
Model Policy 3231, Student Records
Model Policy 3241, Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
Model Policy 4040, Public Access to District Records
Model Policy 4400, Election Activities
Model Policy 5281, Disciplinary Action and Discharge

Legal Reference:

18 USC §§ 2510-2522, Electronic Communication Privacy Act
Pub. L. No. 110-385, Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act

Management Resources:

Policy News, October 2012, Updates and Corrections
Policy News, February 2012, Federal Guidance Requires Changes to Electronic Resources Policy
Policy News, June 2008, Electronic Resources
Policy News, June 2001, Congress Requires Internet Blocking at School
Policy News, August 1998, Permission required to review e-mail

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