

**STUDENT INSTRUCTION**

Network Information and Communication Systems Policy

The District makes Internet access and interconnected computer systems and equipment available to District students and staff. The Board of Trustees (Board) intends for these networks to be used only for educational activities and authorizes under this policy and District network procedures specific limitations contained therein.

The District expects all students to take responsibility for appropriate and lawful use of this access, including good behavior online. The District may withdraw student access to its equipment and network when any misuse occurs. District teachers and other staff will make reasonable efforts to supervise use of equipment, network, and Internet access; however, student cooperation is vital in exercising and promoting responsible use of this access.

The District supports the responsible and appropriate use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) tools for students. GAI focuses on creating new content such as text, images, or code, based on learned patterns. GAI can be used to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as understanding language, recognizing patterns, solving problems, support personalized learning, and provide interactive learning experiences.

Communications over District networks is not to be considered private. Network supervision and maintenance may require review and inspection of directories or messages. All network communication is subject to both federal and state laws regarding public disclosure. The District reserves the right to access stored records in cases where there is reasonable cause to expect wrong-doing or misuse of the system. However, the District will take all reasonable steps to secure District data files. Access procedures based on individual privileges will be instituted and monitored to ensure security at all levels.

Network access is a privilege and access to network services may be suspended or withdrawn from students and staff who do not act in accordance with the District's Acceptable Use Procedures. Student use of networked information and communication resources will be permitted upon submission of permission forms by parents or guardians of minor students (under 18 years of age) and by the students themselves. These forms are included with the District's Acceptable Use Procedures. Students will be required to indicate they will act in accordance with the Acceptable Use Procedures by signing a document indicating they have read and will abide by the procedures.

*Warranties/Indemnification*

The District makes no warranties of any kind, express or implied, in connection with its provision of access to and use of its equipment, computer networks and the Internet provided under this policy. The District is not responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable when using the equipment, network, or for any information that is retrieved or

transmitted via the Internet. The District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet. Any user is fully responsible to the District and will indemnify and hold the District, its trustees, administrators, teachers, and staff harmless from any and all loss, costs, claims, or damages resulting from such user's access to its equipment, computer network, and the Internet, including but not limited to any fees or charges incurred through purchase of goods or services by a user. The District expects a user or, if a user is a minor, a user's parents or legal guardian to cooperate with the District in the event of its initiating an investigation of a user's use of access to its equipment, computer network, and the Internet.

The Board directs the Superintendent to provide training and procedures that encourage the widest possible access to electronic information and communication systems and networks by students, staff and patrons while establishing reasonable controls for the lawful, efficient, and appropriate use and management of the system.

Legal References:

Cross References:

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