

District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks

The District provides access for students to the Internet as an educational tool. Because the Internet is uncensored and can be misused no student shall be allowed to use the District's access to the Internet unless the student and the student's parent first sign the district's Authorization for Electronic Network Access.

Internet Safety

Pursuant to the Children's Internet Protection Act, the District will implement measures to prevent:

- Access over its computer networks, or the transmission of, inappropriate material through the Internet, electronic mail, chat rooms or other forms of direct electronic communications;
- Unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; or
- Unauthorized online disclosure, use or dissemination of personal information of students.

The District shall use technology protection measures to protect against adults and students using District computers with Internet access from visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography or with respect to use by students, harmful to students. Subject to the approval of the Superintendent/designee, an administrator, supervisor or other authorized person may disable the technology projection measure during use by an adult to enable access for bone fide research or other lawful purpose.

The District's provision of educational services shall include educating students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.

The District will provide reasonable supervision of students using its access to the Internet and will monitor the online activities of students.

Acceptable Use

Students using the District's Internet access shall have no right of privacy in their use of that system.

Misuse of the District's access to the Internet, electronic mail, chat rooms or other forms of direct electronic communications include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Use of the District's access to the Internet, electronic mail, chat rooms or other forms of direct electronic communications for other than educational purposes;

- Gaining intentional access or maintaining access to materials which are obscene, pornographic or whose dominant appeal is sexual arousal;
- Using the District's access to the Internet, electronic mail, chat rooms or other forms of direct electronic communications for any illegal activity including computer hacking and copyright or intellectual property law violations;
- Accessing "chat lines" unless authorized by the instructor for a class activity directly supervised by a staff member;
- Using abusive or profane language in private messages through the District's access to the Internet, electronic mail, chat rooms or other forms of direct electronic communications;
- Using the District's access to the Internet, electronic mail, chat rooms or other forms of direct electronic communications to harass, insult or verbally attack others;
- Posting anonymous messages through the District's access to the Internet, electronic mail, chat rooms or other forms of direct electronic communications;
- Using encryption software;
- Vandalizing data of another user;
- Obtaining or sending information which could be used to make destructive devices such as guns, weapons, bombs, explosives or fireworks;
- Gaining unauthorized access to resources or files;
- Identifying oneself with another person's name or password or using an account or password of another user without proper authorization;
- Using the District's access to the Internet, electronic mail, chat rooms or other forms of direct electronic communications for financial or commercial gain without District permission; or
- Introducing a virus to or otherwise improperly tampering with the network or the District's access to the Internet, electronic mail, chat rooms or other forms of direct electronic communications.

Students who fail to abide by District Internet rules may be subject to disciplinary action, revocation of their privilege to use the system or legal action as appropriate.

Cross Reference:

Administrative Procedures

Legal Reference:

§ 20-5-201, MCA
20 U.S.C. § 9134
47 C.F.R. 54.520

Duties and Sanctions
Children's Internet Protection Act
Children's Internet Protection Act
Certifications

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Student Access to Electronic Networks

Electronic information resources are available to qualifying students in the District. These resources include access to the Internet and other network files or accounts. Our goal in providing electronic services to students is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies as well as regional and state networks. Through a filtering and monitoring system, the District has taken precautions to restrict access to inappropriate or illegal materials or those materials that have no educational value. Users who access, publish or attempt to access or publish inappropriate material or illegal Internet sites, will be subject to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion.