

REVISED POLICY - VOL. 27, NO. 1

STUDENT ~~NETWORK AND INTERNET~~ EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY  
ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY

~~Advances in telecommunications and other related technologies have fundamentally altered the ways in which information is accessed, communicated, and transferred in society. Such changes are driving the need for educators to adapt their means and methods of instruction, and the way they approach student learning, to harness and utilize the vast, diverse, and unique resources available on the Internet. The School Board is pleased to provide Internet services to its students. The Corporation's Internet system has a limited educational purpose. The Corporation's Internet system has not been established as a public access service or a public forum. The Corporation has the right to place restrictions on its use to assure that use of the Corporation's Internet system is in accord with its limited educational purpose. Student use of the Corporation's computers, network and Internet services ("Network") will be governed by this policy and the related administrative guidelines, and the Student Code of Conduct. The due process rights of all users will be respected in the event there is a suspicion of inappropriate use of the Network. Users have a limited privacy expectation in the content of their personal files and records of their online activity while on the Network.~~

Technology has fundamentally altered the ways in which information is accessed, communicated, and transferred in society. As a result, educators are continually adapting their means and methods of instruction, and the way they approach student learning, to incorporate the vast, diverse, and unique resources available through the Internet. The School Board provides Education Technology so that students can acquire the skills and knowledge to learn effectively and live productively in a digital world. The School Board provides students with access to the Internet for limited educational purposes only and utilizes online educational services to enhance the instruction delivered to its students. The Corporation Career Center's Internet system does not serve as a public access service or a public forum, and the School Board imposes reasonable restrictions on its use consistent with its limited educational purpose.

This policy and its related administrative guidelines and the Student Code of Conduct govern students' use of the Corporation Career Center's personal communication devices (that is, according to Board Policy 5136, computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular/mobile telephones, smartphones, and any other web-enabled device), network, and Internet connection and online educational services ("Education Technology" or "Ed-Tech").

[NOTE: Choose this option if Policy 7542 authorizes student to bring their own personal communication devices and use them to connect to Education Technology.]

(X) This policy and its related administrative guidelines and the Student Code of Conduct also govern students' use of their personal communication devices (that is, according to Board Policy 5136, computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular/mobile telephones, smartphones, and any other web-enabled device), when connected to the Corporation Career Center's network, the Corporation Career Center's Internet connection, and online educational services ("Education Technology" or "Ed-Tech").

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The due process rights of all users will be respected in the event there is a suspicion of inappropriate use of the Education Technology. Users have no right or expectation to privacy when using Ed-Tech (including, but not limited to, privacy in the content of their personal files, e-mails, and records of their online activity while on the network and Internet).

~~The Board encourages students to utilize the Internet in order to promote educational excellence in our schools by providing them with the opportunity to develop the resource sharing, innovation, and communication skills and tools that are essential to both life and work. The instructional use of the Internet will be guided by the Corporation's policy on instructional materials.~~

~~The Internet is a global information and communication network that provides students and staff with access to up-to-date, highly relevant information that will enhance their learning and the education process. Further, the Internet provides students and staff with the opportunity to communicate with other people from throughout the world. Access to such an incredible quantity of information and resources brings with it, however, certain unique challenges and responsibilities.~~

First, and foremost, the ~~Corporation~~Career Center may not be able to technologically limit access, to services through ~~its Education Technology~~the ~~Corporation~~Career Center's ~~Internet connection~~, to only those **services and resources** that have been authorized for the purpose of instruction, study and research related to the curriculum. Unlike in the past when educators and community members had the opportunity to review and screen materials to assess their appropriateness for supporting and enriching the curriculum according to adopted guidelines and reasonable selection criteria (taking into account the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the students who would be exposed to them), access to the Internet, because it serves as a gateway to any publicly available file server in the world, ~~will open~~ **opens** classrooms and students to electronic information resources ~~which have not been~~**that may not have been** screened by educators for use by students of various ages.

**Pursuant to Federal law, The** ~~Corporation~~Career Center ~~the Board~~ has implemented ~~the use of~~ technology protection measures, which ~~are specific technologies that will~~ protect against (e.g., filter or block) access to visual displays/depictions/**materials** that are obscene, **constitute** child pornography, and/~~or materials that~~ are harmful to minors, as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act. At the discretion of the ~~Corporation~~Career Center ~~Board~~ or the Superintendent, the technology protection measures may be configured to protect against access to other material considered inappropriate for students to access. **The Board also utilizes software and/or hardware to monitor online activity of students to restrict access to child pornography and other material that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors.** The technology protection measures may not be disabled at any time that students may be using ~~the Education Technology~~**the Network**, if such disabling will cease to protect against access to materials that are prohibited under the Children's Internet Protection Act. Any student who attempts to disable the technology protection measures will be subject to discipline.

The Superintendent or \_\_\_\_\_ may temporarily or permanently unblock access to ~~websites~~**sites** or **online education services** containing appropriate material, if access to such sites has been inappropriately blocked by the technology protection measures. The determination of whether material is appropriate or inappropriate shall be based on the content of the material and the intended use of the material, not on the protection actions of the technology protection measures.

~~The Corporation utilizes software and/or hardware to monitor online activity of students to restrict access to child pornography and other material that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. Nevertheless, parents/guardians~~ Parents/Guardians are advised that a determined user may be able to gain access to services **and/or resources** on the Internet that the ~~Corporation~~ Board has not authorized for educational purposes. In fact, it is impossible to guarantee students will not gain access through the Internet to information and communications that they and/or their parents/guardians may find inappropriate, offensive, objectionable or controversial. ~~Parents/Guardians assume risks by consenting to allow their child to participate in the use of the Internet.~~ Parents/Guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using the Internet. ~~The Board supports and respects each family's right to decide whether to apply for independent student access to the Internet.~~

Pursuant to Federal law, students shall receive education about the following:

- A. safety and security while using e-mail, chat rooms, social media, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
- B. the dangers inherent with the online disclosure of personally identifiable information;
- C. the consequences of unauthorized access (e.g., "hacking", "**harvesting**", "**digital piracy**", etc.), cyberbullying, and other unlawful or inappropriate activities by students online; ~~and~~
- D. unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.

Staff members shall provide instruction for their students regarding the appropriate use of technology and online safety and security as specified above. Furthermore, staff members will monitor the online activities of students while ~~in~~ **at** school.

[X] Monitoring may include, but is not necessarily limited to, visual observations of online activities during class sessions; or use of specific monitoring tools to review browser history and network, server, and computer logs.

Building principals are responsible for providing training so that ~~Internet~~ Ed-Tech users under their supervision are knowledgeable about this policy and its accompanying guidelines. The Board expects that staff members will provide guidance and instruction to students in the appropriate use of ~~the Internet~~ Education Technology. Such training shall include, but not be limited to, education concerning appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response. All ~~Internet~~ Ed-Tech users (and their parents if they are minors) are required to sign a written agreement to abide by the terms and conditions of this policy and its accompanying guidelines.

( ) ~~Students will be assigned a school email account that they are required to utilize for all school-related electronic communications, including those to staff members and individuals and/or organizations outside the Corporation with whom they are communicating for school-related projects and assignments. Further, as directed and authorized by their teachers, they shall use their school-assigned email account when signing up/registering for access to various online educational services, including mobile applications/apps that will be utilized by the student for educational purposes.~~

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Students and staff members are responsible for good behavior on the ~~Corporation~~ Career Center's computers/network and ~~the Internet~~ Educational Technology just as they are in classrooms, school hallways, and other school premises and school sponsored events. Communications on ~~the Internet~~ Education Technology are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communication apply. The ~~Corporation~~ Career Center does not sanction any use of ~~the Internet~~ Education Technology that is not authorized by or conducted strictly in compliance with this policy and its accompanying guidelines.

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[NOTE: If language about social media is added to Policy 7540, it is recommended that this language be added to this policy.]

[X] Students shall not access social media for personal use from the ~~Corporation~~ Career Center's network, ~~( ) but shall be permitted to access social media for educational use in accordance with their teacher's approved plan for such use.~~

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Users who disregard this policy and its accompanying guidelines may have their use privileges suspended or revoked, and disciplinary action taken against them. ~~Users granted access to the Internet through the Board's computers assume personal responsibility and liability, both civil and criminal, for uses of the Internet not authorized by this Board policy and its accompanying guidelines.~~ **Users of the Corporation Career Center's Education Technology are personally responsible and liable both civilly and criminally, for uses of Education Technology not authorized by this Corporation Career Center Policy and its accompanying guidelines.**

The **School** Board designates the Superintendent ~~and the \_\_\_\_\_~~ as the administrator ~~(s)~~ responsible for initiating, implementing, and enforcing this **Policy** ~~policy~~ and its accompanying guidelines as they apply to students' use of the **Network** ~~Corporation Career Center's Education Technology~~.

| P.L. 106-554 (2000), Children's Internet Protection Act **of 2000**  
47 U.S.C. 254(h), (1), Communications Act of 1934, as amended (2003)  
18 U.S.C. 1460  
18 U.S.C. 2246  
18 U.S.C. 2256  
20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq., Part F, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (2003)  
20 U.S.C. 6777, 9134 (2003)  
76 F.R. 56295, 56303

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