

**ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY REGARDING THE INTERNET, THE DISTRICT
NETWORK, AND INTERNET ENABLED DEVICES**

- I. The School 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, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills and tools, which will be essential to life and work in the future.
- II. To ensure that the School District's computer resources are not used for inappropriate purposes and consistent with the Children's Internet Protection Act, the District has implemented technology protection measures, which block/filter Internet access to visual displays that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. The District 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 are advised that a determined user may be able to gain access to services on the Internet that the Board has not authorized for educational purposes. Parents/guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using the Internet.
- III. The Administrative Council has developed administrative guidelines, which address students' safety and security while using e-mail and other forms of direct electronic communications, and prohibit disclosure of personal identification information of minors and unauthorized access (e.g., "hacking") and other unlawful activities by minors online.
- IV. Internet access is neither inherently nor exclusively an educational resource. Internet access can be used – inadvertently or, in some cases, purposefully – to facilitate inappropriate, harmful, deceptive, and even illegal activities and communications. Further, notwithstanding reasonable efforts at prevention, there is still a risk that a student may, at some time, be exposed to particular content or participate in particular activities or communications that the District would consider harmful, deceptive, or otherwise inappropriate, or that a parent or guardian may find objectionable. Consistent with applicable federal laws, the School Board believes that the best approach to student Internet safety involves a combination of technology protection measures, monitoring, and instruction. The District's comprehensive approach to student Internet safety and digital citizenship shall take into account the different ages and instructional levels of the students in the District.
- V. The Board does not sanction any use of the Internet that is not authorized by or conducted strictly in compliance with this policy and its accompanying guidelines. Users who disregard this policy and its accompanying guidelines may have their use privileges suspended or revoked, and disciplinary action taken against them. Users gaining access to the Internet through the District'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.
- VI. The School District computers, the software, and servers are educational tools owned by the District and internet and email communications are public not private in nature. The District reserves the right to monitor and access a student's internet activities and email content.
- VII. The Board designates building principals and the District Administrator as responsible for initiating, implementing, and enforcing this policy and its accompanying guidelines as they apply to the use of the network and the Internet for instructional purposes.

Legal References:

Sections 118.258, 120.03(1), 120.13(1), 120.44, 943.70, 947.0125, 995.50(2)(a), Wis. Stats.
H.R. 4577, P.L. 106-554, Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000
47 U.S.C. 254(h), (I), Communications Act of 1934, as amended
20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq., Part F, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended
18 U.S.C. 2256
18 U.S.C. 1460
18 U.S.C. 2246
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended

Cross References:

Administrative Guideline 5900 – Computer Use

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The Port Washington-Saukville School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Special Services, Port Washington-Saukville School District, 100 W. Monroe Street, Port Washington, WI 53074 - Duane.Woelfel@pwssd.k12.wi.us