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USE OF INTERNET AND OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

BY STUDENTS AND STAFF

Internet Safety

The Internet and other electronic communications are a complex association of governmental, business and educational agencies working together to share resources and to exchange information with people throughout the world. The use of these technologies is a privilege provided to the District's students and staff to enhance and support learning, research and communications

The intent of this policy is to comply with the acceptable use policy of the District's Internet Service Provider (ISP); the acceptable use policy of any other networks utilized; and to insure that the Internet and other electronic communications are used safely and properly for educational and administrative purposes. Internet safety for minors includes the use of the Internet in a manner that promotes safe online activity, protects from cyber crimes, including crimes by online predators, and shields minors from material that is inappropriate.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all instructional and support staff, consistent with their service area, to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

The District will provide age/developmentally appropriate training or curriculum for students who use District's computers and/or other District owned direct electronic communication devices. The training provided is designed to promote the District's commitment to:

- A. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in this policy;

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Implementation

All employees (and parent /legal guardian of student, if appropriate) will be required to review and sign off on this policy. Further, students will acknowledge receipt/understanding of Internet safety training and the District's Acceptable Use provisions. Failure to follow this policy may result in disciplinary action (employee and/or student). The District will advise appropriate authorities of any illegal activities.

The Superintendent may prepare Administrative Guidelines to implement this policy.

Acceptable Use

- A. Be polite. Never send or encourage others to send hate mail, discriminatory remarks, and offensive or inflammatory communications.
- B. Use appropriate language. Remember that you are a representative of the District, and on a non-private system. You may be alone at your computer, but what you say and do can be viewed globally. Illegal activities of any kind are strictly forbidden.
- C. Respect the privacy of others. Do not send, post or otherwise reveal unauthorized personal information about students or colleagues.
- D. Email, voice mail and other electronic communications are not private. The District has the legal right to access all electronic communications. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities must be reported.
- E. Preserve the integrity of the network. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt use by others. Do not destroy, modify or abuse network hardware and/or software. Students and staff have the responsibility of reporting any misuse of the network.
- F. Respect the work product of other users; for example, users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users.

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MCL 397.606 Michigan Library Privacy Act (excerpt)

P.L. 106-554 Children's Internet Protection Act; Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act

P.L. 110-385 Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act

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