

## ARTICLE VI            INSTRUCTION

## ACCEPTABLE USE AND INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

It is the policy of the District's Board of Education to provide students, staff, volunteers, and other authorized users access to the District's technology resources, including its computers and network resources, in a manner that encourages responsible use. It is also the policy of the Board to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA"). As required by the CIPA, the Board directs the District's administration to:

- Monitor minors' online activities and use technology protection measures on the District's computers with internet access to block minors' access to visual depictions that are obscene, that constitute child pornography, or that are "harmful to minors." The term "harmful to minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that (1) taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; (2) depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and (3) taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.
- Use technology protection measures on the District's computers with internet access to block all access to visual depictions that are obscene or that constitute child pornography. The technology protection measures may be disabled by an authorized staff member, during adult use, to enable access to bona fide research or for other lawful purposes. The Board designates the following person to determine which staff members are authorized to disable the protection measures: Technology Director.
- Educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other people on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.
- Prohibit access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet.
- Prohibit unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online;
- Prohibit the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors;
- Restrict minors' access to materials that are "inappropriate for minors." The Board defines materials that are inappropriate for minors to include: Inappropriate content has been defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act as visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or material "harmful to minors". Categories include pornography, hate groups, violence, illegal activity, extremist groups, and online advertising.
- Encourage the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication.

The Board designates and directs the following person to take all steps necessary to implement this policy and to otherwise comply with the CIPA: Technology Director

The Board directs the Technology Director to develop, review, and revise as necessary an acceptable use agreement that must be signed by all users of the District's technology resources before the user will be allowed to use the technology resources. Different acceptable use agreements may be developed based on the user's status. At a minimum, the Technology Director will develop (1) an acceptable use agreement to be signed by adult users, including employees, volunteers, and board members; (2) an acceptable use agreement to be signed by students in grades 7 and above and their parents; and (3) an acceptable use agreement to be signed by students in grades 6 and below and their parents. The acceptable use agreements must be consistent with this Board policy and must include, at a minimum:

- A statement that the use of the technology resources is a privilege that may be revoked at any time.
- A statement that a user has no expectation of privacy when using the technology resources.
- Provisions to protect the integrity of the technology resources, including a requirement that each user only access the technology resources by using his or her assigned user name and password.
- A statement that the technology resources may not be used to bully other people.
- A statement that misuse of the technology resources may result in loss of access to the technology resources and potential disciplinary action.
- A list of what constitutes "misuse" of the technology resources.
- A statement that the District does not guarantee that the technology resources will be error free or uninterrupted.
- A requirement that users report any material that makes them feel threatened, harassed, or bullied.
- A release of all claims and liabilities against the District for use of the technology resources.

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