

Staff Use of the Internet

The Internet is a vast collection of educational resources for staff and students and provides access to local, national and international sources of information and collaboration vital to intellectual inquiry. The Internet is considered an extension of school libraries and other media/resource centers with a goal of promoting resource sharing, research innovation, community and opportunity for collaborative work.

The Board of Education supports the use of the Internet by staff to improve teaching and learning through interpersonal communication, access to information, research, training and collaboration and dissemination of successful educational practices, methods and materials.

It is impossible to control all materials on the Internet, and user may discover controversial information. The Board believes that access to the information and interaction via the Internet for instructional purposes far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the district.

The Board directs the superintendent to develop procedures for staff use of the Internet. Such procedures should address issues of privacy, ethical use of information, illegal and/or unauthorized uses of the networks and other conditions of usage.

Use of this educational resource demands personal responsibility and an understanding of the acceptable use procedures for the Internet. Staff use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Failure to follow the acceptable use procedures may result in disciplinary action.

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