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Responsibility for Internet Appropriate Use

A. The authority for appropriate use of electronic Internet resources is delegated to the licensed employees.
B. Instruction in the proper use of the Internet will be available to employees who will then provide similar instruction to their students.
C. Employees are expected to practice appropriate use of the Internet, and violations may result in discipline up to and including discharge.

II. Internet Access

A. Access to the Internet is available to teachers and students as a source of information and a vehicle of communication.
B. Students, employees and guest will be able to access the Internet through the wireless network provided by the district.
   a. Making Internet access available to students carries with it the potential that some students might encounter information that may not be appropriate for students. Because information on the Internet changes, it is not possible to predict or control what students may locate.
   b. It is a goal to allow employees and students access to the rich opportunities on the Internet, while protecting the rights of students and parents who choose no to risk exposure to questionable material.
   c. The smooth operation of the district infrastructure relies on the proper conduct of all users who must adhere to strict guidelines relative to efficient, ethical and legal utilization of network resources.
   d. To reduce unnecessary network traffic, users should be cognizant of bandwidth usage.
   e. Transmission of material, information or software in violation of any board policy or regulation is prohibited.
   f. Users should exercise caution when downloading any file to avoid spreading a computer virus.
   g. The school district makes no guarantees as to the accuracy of information received on the Internet.

C. On-line Etiquette
   a. The use of the network is a privilege and may be taken away for violation of board policy or regulations.
   b. Students should adhere to on-line protocol:
      i. Respect all copyright and license agreements
      ii. Cite all quotes, references and sources
      iii. Apply the same privacy, ethical and educational considerations utilized in other forms of communication.
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c. Students will not intentionally access or download any text, picture, email or engage in any conference that includes material which is obscene, libelous, indecent, vulgar, profane or lewd; advertises any product or service not permitted to minors by law; constitutes insulting, harassing or bullying, or presents a clear and present likelihood that will cause a disruption of the proper and orderly conduct of school or school activities.

d. If a student gains access to any service via the Internet which has a cost involved or if a student incurs other types of costs, the student accessing such a service will be responsible for those costs.

D. Student Violations – Consequences and Notifications

a. Students who access restricted items on the Internet are subject to the appropriate action described in board policy or regulation:
   i. First violation – A verbal and written warning notice will be issued to the student. The student may lose Internet access for a specified period of time at the discretion of the supervising teacher and/or a school administrator.
   ii. Second violation – A verbal and written second violation notice will be issued to the student. A copy of the notice will be sent to the student’s parent and a copy provided to the building principal.
   iii. Third Violation – A verbal and written third violation notice will be issued to the student. A copy of the notice will be sent to the student’s parent and a copy provided to the building principal. The student will forfeit all Internet privileges for a specified amount of days.

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