Electronic Resources and Internet Safety

The Wenatchee Board of Directors recognizes that an effective public education system develops students who are globally aware, civically engaged, and capable of managing their lives and careers. The Board also believes that students need to be proficient *and safe* users of information, media, and technology to succeed in a digital world.

Therefore, the Wenatchee District will use electronic resources as a powerful and compelling means for students to learn core subjects and applied skills in relevant and rigorous ways. It is the District's goal to provide students with rich and ample opportunities to use technology for important purposes in schools just as individuals in workplaces and other real-life settings use these tools. The District's technology will enable educators and students to communicate, learn, share, collaborate and create; to think and solve problems; to manage their work; and to take ownership of their lives.

To help ensure student safety and citizenship in online activities, all students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyber-bullying awareness and response.

The Wenatchee Board directs the superintendent or designee to create strong electronic educational systems that support innovative teaching and learning, to provide appropriate staff development opportunities and to develop procedures to support this policy.

Internet Safety
To help ensure student safety and citizenship with electronic resources, all students will be educated about Internet safety. This will include appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

To promote Internet safety and appropriate online behavior of students and staff as they use electronic resources and access material from the Internet, the superintendent or designee is authorized to develop or adopt Internet safety procedures, acceptable use guidelines, and, for students, related instructional materials for every grade level. The superintendent or designee in evaluating such procedures and instructional materials should take into account District electronic resources, community norms, privacy rights, responsible use, and issues of concern with student or staff use of electronic resources.

As a component of district Internet safety measures, all district-owned electronic resources, including computer networks and Wi-Fi, in all district facilities capable of accessing the Internet must use filtering software to prevent access to obscene, racist, hateful or violent material. However, given the ever-changing nature of the Internet, the district cannot guarantee that a student will never be able to access objectionable material.

Further, when students use the Internet from school facilities for educational purposes, district staff will make a reasonable effort to supervise student access and use of the internet. If material is accessed that violates district policies, procedures or student guidelines for electronic resources or acceptable use, district staff may instruct the person to cease using that material

and/or implement sanctions consistent with district policies, procedures, guidelines, or student codes of conduct.

Cross References: Board Policy 2020   Curriculum Development and Adoption
                                                          of Instructional Materials
                        Board Policy 2025   Copyright Compliance
                        Board Policy 3241   Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or
                                                          Punishment
                        Board Policy 4400   Election Activities
                        Board Policy 5281   Disciplinary Action and Discharge
                        Board Policy 3207   Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and
                                                          Bullying
                        Board Policy 4040   Public Access to District
                        Records Board Policy 3231   Student Records

Legal Reference: 18 USC §§ 2510-2522   Electronic Communication Privacy Act
                        Pub. L. No. 110-385   Protecting Children in the 21st Century
                        Act

Management Resources:
            Policy News, June 2015
            Policy News, February 2012 Federal Guidance Requires Changes
                                                      to
                                        Electronic Resources Policy
            Policy News, October 2012
            Policy News, June 2008 Electronic Resources
            Policy News, June 2001 Congress Requires Internet Blocking at1School
            Policy News, August 1998 Permission required to review email

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