



Board of Director's Policy Instruction 600 Series

Policy # 600.8.10

Computer Network and Internet Safety, Access and Usage

This Policy and its implementing Rules and Regulations are intended to serve as a guide to the scope of the District's authority and the safe and acceptable use of the District's computers, computer network, and Internet access. This Policy governs all use of District computers, handheld devices, laptops, the District's local and/or wide area network, and access to the Internet through District computers or the District's local and/or wide area network, which will be collectively referred to in this Policy and its implementing Rules and Regulations as the District's "computer network."

The District's computer network is part of the educational curriculum and is not intended to be used as a public forum for general use. Access to the computer network is a privilege, not a right. The Board of Directors has a duty to insure that the manner in which the computer network is used does not conflict with the basic educational mission of the District. Use of the District's computer network may be restricted in light of the maturity level of students involved and the special characteristics of the school environment.

Access to the District computer network is consistent with and beneficial to the educational mission of the District. Such access serves as a natural extension of the educational lessons learned within the classroom by providing access to educational resources and reference materials, by reinforcing the specific subject matter taught, by requiring the use of critical thinking skills, by promoting tolerance for diverse views, and by teaching socially appropriate forms of civil discourse and expression. Therefore, students, teachers, administrators, other employees of the District, Board of Education members and Board Committee Members shall be allowed access to the District computer network consistent with the District's curriculum, educational mission and this Policy and its implementing Rules and Regulations.

The District shall not permit use of the computer network which:

- a) Disrupts the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school;
- b) Threatens the integrity or efficient operation of the District's computer network;
- c) Violates the rights of others;
- d) Is socially inappropriate or inappropriate for a student's age or maturity level;
- e) Is illegal or for illegal purposes of any kind;
- f) Constitutes gross disobedience or misconduct.

The Executive Director and designees are authorized to implement this Policy and its Administrative Regulations, and to designate appropriate staff members to assist them in doing so. Further, the Executive Director is directed to review periodically the Administrative Regulations and amend same as needed to assure that they continue to assure access to the computer network in a safe, proper, and efficient manner.

Legal References:

20 U.S.C. § 6777; 47 U.S.C. § 254(h), (l); 47 C.F.R. § 54.520;

105 ILCS §5/27-13.3 (eff. 1-1-2009)

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