

## 4527.1 INTERNET SAFETY

The Board of Education is committed to undertaking efforts that serve to make safe for children the use of district computers for access to the Internet. To this end, although unable to guarantee that any selected filtering and blocking technology will work perfectly, the Board directs the Superintendent of Schools to procure and implement the use of technology protection measures that block or filter Internet access by:

- adults to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography, and
- minors to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Subject to staff supervision, however, any such measures may be disabled or relaxed for adults conducting bona fide research or other lawful purposes, in accordance with criteria established by the Superintendent or his or her designee.

The Superintendent or his or her designee also shall develop and implement procedures that provide for the safety and security of students using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; monitoring the online activities of students using district computers; and restricting student access to materials that are harmful to minors.

In addition, the Board prohibits the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding students; unauthorized online access by students, including hacking and other unlawful activities; and access by students to inappropriate matter on the Internet. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall establish and implement procedures that enforce these restrictions.

As part of this policy, the district shall also provide age-appropriate instruction regarding appropriate online behavior, including:

1. interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms, and
2. cyberbullying awareness and response.

Instruction will be provided even if the district prohibits students from accessing social networking sites or chat rooms on district computers. In addition, the district should pursue opportunities to work with parent teacher organizations to provide internet safety information to parents and guardians.

### Cross-ref:

4527, Computer Network for Education

### Ref:

Children's Internet Protection Act, [Public Law No. 106-554](#)

Broadband Data Services Improvement Act/ Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act,

[Public Law No. 110-385](#)

[47 USC §254](#)

[20 USC §6777](#)

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