

Internet and Computer Network Safety and Use

The District recognizes that the ability to use the information and communication resources provided by the Internet and other computer networks is an essential skill for students in preparation for higher education and the workplace. The District will provide education about the use of the Internet and other resources and appropriate access to them. Technology provides access to computers and people worldwide including some materials not appropriate for an educational setting. Therefore, class access will be provided under supervision of an appropriate staff member.

Individual student access will be offered to all students only after students have submitted the completed Network Acceptable Use Agreement. Individual users of the District computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over these networks. Independent, yet monitored, student access to Internet services will occur in grades 5 - 12. The administration is authorized to provide email services to Conestoga High School students and District middle school students who agree in writing to act in a considerate and responsible manner. The parents of all Internet users grades 5 - 12 will be notified of guidelines for student Internet use. K - 4th grade students may access the Internet only under supervision of a staff member or supervised volunteer. Students may not disclose or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using the Internet, email communications or other forms of direct electronic communications. In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, the District will educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

Blocking software will be used on the Internet in an attempt to protect minor students from obscene material, all pornography, including but not limited to child pornography, other visual depictions deemed harmful to minors (as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act), and other categories deemed necessary by the administration (see Regulation 6190). Other Internet users will also have these categories blocked. An administrator, supervisor, or person authorized by the Board may disable the technology protection measure if needed for *bona fide* research or other lawful purpose.

All students and staff members will sign the Network Acceptable Use Agreement and comply with District standards or lose their access privilege. The Information Services Department monitors its network for unauthorized access or unlawful activity on District network computers and servers. Inappropriate, unauthorized or illegal use (including hacking or attempted hacking) may result in the cancellation of the offender's privileges. Appropriate legal and disciplinary action may be taken.

Selection and use of information and instructional materials through electronic media shall be consistent with Policy 6136 *Controversial Issues in the Curriculum* and Policy 6160 *District Selection and Review of Instructional Materials*.

Use of computer access to such information and materials by staff and students shall be limited to educational purposes. Information placed on any District computer or server is subject to review and may be deleted without notice.

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