

## **Student Computer and Internet Use**

Student use of school computers, including but not limited to use for accessing the District computer network and the Internet, can provide tremendous support and enrichment for student education and the District's curriculum. The Board of Education accordingly supports the use of these information technology resources for school-related academic purposes, and directs District personnel to make every reasonable effort to ensure that students use school computers appropriately and responsibly.

Student use of school computers, including use of school computers to access the District computer network and the Internet, is a privilege and not a right. In addition to regulations specifically concerning student computer and Internet use, general policies and regulations governing student conduct shall apply to use of these information technology resources. Student violations of such policies and regulations may result in loss of the privilege to use some or all of the District's information technology resources, discipline (including suspension or expulsion), the institution of legal proceedings against the student, and/or a requirement that the student pay restitution for the cost of damages caused by such violations.

While many sites on the Internet are exciting and appropriate, others are not suitable for access by students at school. The Board of Education believes, however, that when students properly use the Internet its benefits far outweigh the possibility that student users may access material not consistent with the educational policies and goals of the District. Internet filters shall be installed on all school computers. In addition, District administrators, teachers and staff shall work together to help students develop the intellectual skills needed to properly evaluate and choose information sources from the computer, the District computer network and the Internet appropriate to the students' age and developmental levels, and to evaluate and use these information technology resources to meet the District's educational goals.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop student computer and Internet use regulations consistent with this policy.

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LEGAL REFS.: 47 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*, Communications Decency Act of 1995  
47 U.S.C. 231 *et seq.*, Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 2000