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5 District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks

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7 General

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9 The District makes Internet access and interconnected computer systems available to District  
10 students and faculty. The District provides electronic networks, including access to the Internet,  
11 as part its instructional program and to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource  
12 sharing, innovation, and communication.

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14 The District expects all students to take responsibility for appropriate and lawful use of this  
15 access, including good behavior on-line. The District may withdraw student access to its  
16 network and to the Internet when any misuse occurs. District teachers and other staff will make  
17 reasonable efforts to supervise use of network and Internet access; however, student cooperation  
18 is vital in exercising and promoting responsible use of this access.

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20 Curriculum

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22 Use of District electronic networks will be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the  
23 District, as well as with varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental  
24 levels of students and will comply with selection criteria for instructional materials and library  
25 materials. Staff members may use the Internet throughout the curriculum consistent with the  
26 District's educational goals.

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28 Acceptable Uses

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30 1. Educational Purposes Only. All use of the District's electronic network must be: (1) in  
31 support of education and/or research, and in furtherance of the District's stated  
32 educational goals; or (2) for a legitimate school business purpose. Use is a privilege, not  
33 a right. Students and staff members have no expectation of privacy in any materials that  
34 are stored, transmitted, or received via the District's electronic network or District  
35 computers. The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review, and store, at  
36 any time and without prior notice, any and all usage of the computer network and Internet  
37 access and any and all information transmitted or received in connection with such usage.
- 38 2. Unacceptable Uses of Network. The following are considered unacceptable uses and  
39 constitute a violation of this policy:
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- 41 a. Uses that violate the law or encourage others to violate the law, including, but not  
42 limited to, transmitting offensive or harassing messages; offering for sale or use  
43 any substance the possession or use of which is prohibited by the District's  
44 student discipline policy; viewing, transmitting, or downloading pornographic  
45 materials or materials that encourage others to violate the law; intruding into the

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networks or computers of others; and downloading or transmitting confidential, trade secret information, or copyrighted materials.

- b. Uses that cause harm to others or damage to their property, including, but not limited to, engaging in defamation (harming another's reputation by lies); employing another's password or some other user identifier that misleads message recipients into believing that someone other than you is communicating, or otherwise using his/her access to the network or the Internet; uploading a worm, virus, other harmful form of programming or vandalism; participating in "hacking" activities or any form of unauthorized access to other computers, networks, or other information.
- c. Uses that jeopardize the security of student access and of the computer network or other networks on the Internet.
- d. Uses that are commercial transactions. Students and other users may not sell or buy anything over the Internet. Students and others should not give information to others, including credit card numbers and social security numbers.

#### Warranties/Indemnification

The District makes no warranties of any kind, express or implied, in connection with its provision of access to and use of its computer networks and the Internet provided under this policy. The District is not responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable when using the network or for any information that is retrieved or transmitted via the Internet. The District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet. Any user is fully responsible to the District and will indemnify and hold the District, its trustees, administrators, teachers, and staff harmless from any and all loss, costs, claims, or damages resulting from such user's access to its computer network and the Internet, including, but not limited to, any fees or charges incurred through purchase of goods or services by a user. The District expects a user or, if a user is a minor, a user's parents or legal guardian to cooperate with the District in the event of its initiating an investigation of a user's use of access to its computer network and the Internet.

#### Violations

If a user violates this policy, the District will deny a student's access or will withdraw access and may subject a student to additional disciplinary action. An administrator or building principal will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated this policy and any related rules or regulations and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time, with that decision being final.

#### Policy History:

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