

Student Technology Use, Ethics and Internet Safety

- I. The district provides computers and networks, known as Vannet, as tools for student learning and district business. In addition to high speed Internet access and productivity tools, the district provides:
 - A. login accounts for students and staff;
 - B. storage space;
 - C. the ability to access personal documents from any workstation in the district;
 - D. hundreds of applications that improve productivity across the district's operations; and
 - E. backups of all pertinent data.
- II. Regulations shall be implemented in order to (a) protect the extensive system from fraud, waste and abuse; (b) ensure the confidentiality of information stored on the system; (c) maintain the stability and availability of the system; and (d) protect the safety of students and families.
- III. The district has the right to specify who uses district-owned Vannet, hardware and the information contained therein, under what circumstances, and for what purposes. Employees, volunteers, and students in the district do not have ownership rights to any hardware or software provided to them by the district.
- IV. To access Vannet, each authorized User is assigned an individual username and password, known as an Account. This Account is unique to each User and shall be used any time the Account holder needs access to any district technology resources. All computer use logged or traced to an Account will be attributed to the Account holder, regardless of the actual User.
- V. The district shall use Internet filters to restrict access to Internet content that the district deems objectionable or harmful to minors, as well as content that is not related to district business.
- VI. There is no guarantee of privacy for the information a User chooses to store on Vannet. The Building or District Network Manager, in the regular course of maintenance, or at the direction of the Superintendent or designee, may monitor use by random inspection of Users' directories for contents which are in violation of technology use and ethics regulations. The Building or District Network Manager shall also conduct an individual search if there is reasonable suspicion that a user has violated district policies, regulations, or the law.

- VII. The district makes no guarantees about the stability or fitness of Vannet for a specific activity and is not responsible for data or time lost in the event a system fails to perform as intended.
- VIII. The district offers local network, wide area network, and Internet access to students. The network is provided as a learning tool for students to complete schoolwork and communicate with others for educational purposes. It has not been established as a public access or public forum. The district or individual schools may restrict the material posted. The district or individual school also may require specific training or a proficiency test before a student is allowed to use Vannet.
- IX. It is the responsibility of each building administrator to ensure that the Student Technology Use and Ethics Policy and Regulation are distributed to all students.

Legal Reference: Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)]

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