

## **Electronic Resources and Internet Safety**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the development and use of electronic resources and Internet safety for students and staff in the district's educational systems.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to the Superintendent, Technology Director, administrators, staff, students, parents and guardians.

### **Policy**

1. The Valley School District Board of Directors recognizes that an effective public education system develops students who are globally aware, civically engaged, and capable of managing their lives and careers. The Board also believes that staff and students need to be proficient and safe users of information, media, and technology to succeed in a digital world.
2. **ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**
  - 2.1. The district's goal is to provide students with rich and ample opportunities to use technology for important purposes in schools just as individuals in workplaces and other real-life settings use these tools. The district's technology will enable educators and students to communicate, learn, share, collaborate and create, to think and solve problems, and to manage their work and to take ownership.
  - 2.2. The district will develop and use electronic resources as a powerful and compelling means for students to learn core subjects and applied skills in relevant and rigorous ways and for staff to educate them in such areas of need.
  - 2.3. The Board directs the Superintendent or designee(s) to create strong electronic resources and develop related educational systems that support innovative teaching and learning, to provide appropriate staff development opportunities regarding this policy, and to develop procedures to support this policy.
    - 2.3.1. The Superintendent or designee(s) are authorized to develop acceptable use guidelines for staff and students concerning the use of district electronic resources, including those that access Internet and social media, and to regulate use of personal electronic resources on district property and related district activities.
3. **INTERNET SAFETY**
  - 3.1. To help ensure student safety and citizenship with electronic resources, all students will be educated about Internet safety. This instruction will include appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.
  - 3.2. To promote Internet safety and appropriate online behavior of students and staff as they use electronic resources and access material from the Internet, the Superintendent or

designee is authorized to develop or adopt Internet safety procedures, acceptable use guidelines and, for students, related instructional materials for every grade level.

3.2.1. The Superintendent or designee evaluating such procedures and instructional materials should take into account district electronic resources, community norms, privacy rights, responsible use, and issues of concern with student or staff use of electronic resources.

3.3. As a component of district Internet safety measures, all district-owned electronic resources, including computer networks and Wi-Fi, in all district facilities capable of accessing the Internet must use filtering software to prevent access to obscene, racist, hateful or violent material. However, given the ever-changing nature of the Internet, the district cannot guarantee that a student will never be able to access objectionable material.

3.4. When students use the Internet from school facilities for educational purposes, district staff will make a reasonable effort to supervise student access and use of the Internet. If material is accessed that violates district policies, procedures or student guidelines for electronic resources or acceptable use, district staff may instruct the person to cease using that material and/or implement sanctions consistent with district policies, procedures, guidelines, or student codes of conduct.

### **Related Procedures**

2022P1-Electronic Resources and Internet Safety  
3207P1-Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying  
3241P1-Student Discipline

### **Policy Cross References**

2020-Course Design, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials  
2025-Copyright Compliance  
3207-Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying  
3231-Student Records  
3241-Student Discipline  
4040-Public Access to District Records  
5253-Maintaining Professional Staff-Student Boundaries  
5281-Disciplinary Action and Discharge

### **Policy Legal References**

18 USC §§ 2510-2522 – Electronic Communication Privacy Act  
Pub. L. No. 110-385 – Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act

### **Management Resources**

*Policy & Legal News*, June 2015 – New Challenges of Educational Technology for Washington Schools

*Policy News*, October 2012 – How Well Does Your District Know Its Internet Filter?

*Policy News*, February 2012 – Federal Guidance Requires Changes to Electronic Resources Policy

*Policy News*, June 2008 – Electronic Resources

*Policy News*, June 2001 – Congress Requires Internet Blocking at School

*Policy News*, August 1998 – Permission required to review e-mail

**Policy History**

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