

## **Instruction**

### **STUDENT INTERNET USE**

**6141.321(a)**

The Fairfield Public Schools provide a variety of District Technology Resources in support of our instructional and administrative programs to ensure that our students become digital citizens proficient in information technology competencies essential for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. These District Technology Resources enhance learning and improve communication within our local and global communities. The advantages of having access to these District Technology Resources exceed a potential disadvantage. However, access to them is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all members of the school community to use District Technology Resources responsibly, ethically and with respect for the work of others.

The District policies are intended to promote the most effective, safe, productive, and instructionally sound uses of District Technology Resources, information and communication tools. The District also makes a good faith effort to protect its students from exposure to Internet materials that are harmful, inappropriate, or explicit. The District employs a system of Internet content filtering controls that meet federal standards established by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Ultimately, parents and/or guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standard that their children should follow when using District Technology Resources.

The District will provide training and procedures that encourage the widest possible access to District Technology Resources by students, staff, and patrons while establishing reasonable controls for the lawful, efficient, and appropriate use and management of the system.

Use of District Technology Resources, and/or a student's Personal Electronic Devices on school property or during a school sponsored or school related activity, are expected to be lawful, ethical, respectful, academically honest, and supportive of the school's mission. Each student user of District Technology Resources and/or of the student's Personal Electronic Devices on school property or during school sponsored or related activity, has the responsibility to respect every other person in our community and on the Internet. All students are expected to follow the guidelines, procedures, and specific limitations outlined in the Acceptable Use Guidelines and Agreement (6417AR). District Technology Resources are subject to search at any time.

Students are prohibited from using on school property or during a school sponsored or school related activity District Technology Resources or any Personal Electronic Devices for a use that is prohibited by this policy, other District or administrative policies, rules and regulations and/or state and federal law.

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### **STUDENT INTERNET USE (continued)**

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If a student brings a Personal Electronic Device onto school property or to a school sponsored or school related activity and/or connects a Personal Electronic Device to District Technology Resources, the student is subject to the rules and regulations regarding acceptable use in this policy, District or administrative policies, regulations and rules, and/or state and federal law. Any use that is in violation of the foregoing may result in loss of computer and Internet privileges and/or other discipline commensurate with the offense.

By bringing a Personal Electronic Device onto school property or to a school sponsored or school related activity and/or connecting a Personal Electronic Device to District Technology Resources, the student consents that faculty may confiscate said device if there is a reasonable suspicion that a student is using a Personal Electronic Device in a manner that is in violation of this policy or with other District or administrative regulations, rules, or policies, and/or state and federal law. The school may search the Personal Electronic Device in a manner and to an extent that is consistent with, and limited to, the initial basis for the reasonable suspicion and to determine whether a violation of District or administrative policies, rules and regulations and/or state and federal law has occurred.

Password systems implemented by the District are designed solely to provide system security from unauthorized users, not to provide privacy to the individual student.

- District Technology Resources and Personal Electronic Devices may only be used in a manner that is consistent with the District's educational objectives, mission and curriculum.
- Receipt, transmission and/or storage of any material in violation of District or administrative regulations, rules or policies, and/or any local, federal or state law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, licensed material and threatening, harassing, or obscene material.
- Intentional or unintentional use of District Technology Resources to access or process proxy sites, pornographic or other inappropriate material, explicit text or files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network and/or instructional resources is prohibited.
- Use of District Technology Resources for commercial activities, or for solicitation not approved by the District, is prohibited.
- Students will utilize appropriate online behavior, including interactions with others in social media sites or chat rooms, and refrain from cyber-bullying behavior.

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- Students and parent/guardian may be held personally and financially responsible for malicious or intentional damage done to network software, data, user accounts, hardware and/or unauthorized costs incurred.
- Files stored on District Technology Resources are the property of the District and, as such, may be inspected at any time and should not be considered private.
- Materials published via electronic publication must be for educational purposes. School administrators, teachers and staff may monitor these materials to ensure compliance with content standards.

Fairfield Public Schools reserves the right to refuse access to District Technology Resources to any student. Violating this policy, District and/or administrative policies, rules or regulations, or state or federal laws may result in disciplinary action, including temporary or permanent ban on student use of District Technology Resources and/or use of Personal Electronic Devices on school property or during school sponsored or school related activities, suspension or dismissal from school and/or legal action. The District will cooperate with law enforcement officers in investigations related to illegal activities conducted with District Technology Resources or Personal Electronic Devices.

District Technology Resources include, but are not limited to: District owned, operated, managed or offered electronic media information, devices, resources, systems; software, hardware and programs; networks and access to the Internet; cell phones, smart phones, tablets (Kindles, Nooks, iPads etc.), personal laptop and desktop computers, memory sticks, or any device or item that can or may be capable of receiving, transmitting and/or storing digital information or digital media.

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Legal Reference Connecticut General Statutes 53a-182b Harassment in the first degree:  
class d felony (as amended by PA 95-143)  
RSA 194:3-d, 47U.S.C. Section 254, Children's Internet Protection Act.

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