

Instruction

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE: FILTERING

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The Board of Education of the Fairfield Public Schools has a responsibility to:

- enable students to utilize the Internet and participate in the increasingly information-based society of today;
- enable students to cope with the wide range and volume of material available through the Internet; and
- comply with the laws governing Internet use by minors.

Therefore a system designed to filter out Internet sites with content considered unacceptable and inappropriate for student viewing will be utilized. This filtering system shall be in addition to all other efforts utilized to help ensure student access to approved educational materials.

Filtering should only be viewed as one of a number of techniques used to manage students' access to the Internet and encourage acceptable usage. It should not be viewed as a foolproof approach to preventing access to inappropriate material.

Filtering will be used in conjunction with:

- educating the students and staff to be "net-smart";
- requiring permission from the parents or guardians;
- utilizing acceptable use agreements and a *Network Code of Conduct* which prohibit the following:
 - using obscene or defamatory language;
 - damaging computers, altering computer systems, or computer networks;
 - violating copyright laws;
 - accessing offensive messages or pictures;
 - using another's password;
 - giving out one's name, address, or phone number;
 - trespassing in another's folders, work, or files;
 - using another's folders, work, or files; and
 - intentionally wasting limited resources;
- prohibiting use of the network for commercial purposes;
- supervising students in a manner that is appropriate to their grade and is consistent with district grade level *Guidelines for Internet Use*; and
- employing disciplinary measures appropriate to the offense if violations of regulations occur.

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