Electronic Resources and Internet Safety

The Entiat 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, including the use of artificial intelligence to succeed in a digital world.

Electronic Resources

The Entiat School 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. It is the district's goal 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, to manage their work and to take ownership of their lives.

The superintendent or designee will: 1) create strong electronic resources and develop related educational systems that support innovative teaching and learning; 2) provide appropriate staff development opportunities regarding this policy; and 3) develop procedures to support this policy. The superintendent or designee is authorized to develop procedures and acceptable use guidelines for staff and students as to the use of district electronic resources, including those that access the Internet and social media, and to regulate use of personal electronic resources on district property and related to district activities.

Internet Safety

To help ensure student safety and citizenship with electronic resources, all students will be educated about Internet safety. This will include appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

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. In evaluating such procedures and instructional materials, the superintendent or designee 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.

As a component of district internet safety measures, all district-owned electronic resources, including computers networks and Wi-Fi, in all district facilities capable of accessing the internet must use filtering software to prevent access to obscene, racist, hateful, violent, or otherwise inappropriate 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.

Further, 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.

Cross References: Board Policy 2020   Course Design, Selection and
  Adoption of Instructional
  Materials

Board Policy 2023   Digital Citizenship and Media
  Literacy

Board Policy 2025   Copyright Compliance

Board Policy 3207   Prohibition of Harrassment,
  Intimidation and Bullying

Board Policy 3231   Student Records

Board Policy 3241   Classroom Management, Corrective
  Actions, or Punishment

Board Policy 4040   Public Access to District Records

Board Policy 4400   Election Activities

Board Policy 5281   Disciplinary Action and Discharge

Legal Reference: 18 USC §§ 2510-2522   Electronic Communication Privacy
  Act

Pub. L. No. 110-385   Protection Children in the 21st
  Century Act

Management Resources: *Policy & Legal News*   June 2015

Policy New, October 2012   Updates and Correctrions

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

Policy News, June 2008   Policy News

Policy News, June 2001   Congress Requires Internet Blocking
  at School

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

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