

## **SOUHEGAN POLICY**

### **EGA- School District Internet Access for Students**

*Category P*

*Also EHAA & IJNDB*

The rich sources of information available on the Internet hold the promise of greatly enhancing the quality of education available to all students. Therefore, Internet access will be made available to students in the District for the purposes of communication, collaboration, research, and education. Internet access by students will be monitored by District personnel as outlined by school district procedures and the degree of access to the Internet will be dependent upon the age of students.

#### **SAFETY PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES**

The Superintendent shall develop and implement appropriate procedures to provide guidance for access and use of electronic media. Guidelines shall address teacher supervision of student computer use, ethical use of electronic media (including, but not limited to, the Internet, e-mail, and other District technological resources), and issues of privacy versus administrative review of electronic files and communications. In addition, guidelines shall prohibit utilization of networks for prohibited or illegal activities, the intentional spreading of embedded messages, or the use of other programs with the potential of damaging or destroying programs or data.

Internet safety measures shall be implemented that effectively address the following:

1. Implementation of a District Internet Acceptable Use Procedure.
2. Implementation of a District Internet Code of Conduct.
3. Rules for Internet use to be included in all student handbooks.
4. Requirement that all student Internet users obtain an Internet account that includes parent permission.
  - a. Compliance with the District Acceptable Use Procedures are conditions for the account.
  - b. Internet training will be provided that will include training on personal responsibility, ethical and courteous behavior, and the Acceptable Use Procedures and the Code of Conduct. Training will also include appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals in social networking circumstances and in chat applications, cyberbullying awareness and response.
  - c. Parents or guardians are asked to review the Code of Conduct and the Acceptable Use Procedures with their children. Parent or guardian permission is required for student access. All students and staff must have a signed District authorization form for an account.
5. Training for staff to increase their skills in working with students on the internet.
6. Methods of controlling access by students to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web.
7. Measures designed to address safety and security of students when they are using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of electronic communications.
8. Rules to prevent unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities by students.
9. Rules to prohibit unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.
10. Measures designed to restrict students' access to materials harmful to them.

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## AUDIT OF USE

The Superintendent/designee shall establish a process to determine whether the District's education technology is being used for purposes prohibited by law or for accessing visual depictions that are obscene, contain child pornography or are harmful to students or which are otherwise inconsistent with the educational mission of the district. This process shall include:

1. Utilizing technology that blocks or filters Internet access for both minors and adults to certain visual depictions that are obscene, involve child pornography, or are otherwise harmful to minors.
2. Maintaining and securing a usage log.
3. Monitoring on-line use.

## PUBLIC HEARING

The District shall provide reasonable public notice of, and hold at least one (1) public hearing or meeting to address and communicate its internet safety policy prior to adoption of said policy.

### *Legal Reference:*

*RSA 194:3-d, School District Computer Networks*

*47 US. C. Section 254, Children's Internet Protection Act, Effective April 20, 2001*

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