

Instruction

Technology System Use and Internet Safety Policy

The Executive Board of Eisenhower Cooperative hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the Cooperative, its personnel and its students, and members of the community to promote use of and familiarity with the Cooperative's Technology System and with the services which are available through that System to support learning and enhance instruction, and to improve communications between the school and community.

Knowledgeable and appropriate use of the Cooperative's Technology System can facilitate access to information resources available on-line, create innovative learning environments, and provide for worldwide communication. For purposes of this policy, implementing rules, and acceptable use guidelines, the term "Cooperative's Technology System" or "System" shall include all computer hardware and software owned or operated by the Cooperative, Cooperative electronic mail, Cooperative web sites, and Cooperative on-line services and bulletin board systems. "Use" of the Cooperative's Technology System shall include use of or obtaining access to the System from any computer terminal whether or not owned or operated by the Cooperative.

The Cooperative's Technology System was established to comprise part of the school curriculum, and is intended by this Board to function in support of that curriculum and of students' mastery of the curriculum through improved communication between the school and students' parents or guardians. The Cooperative's Technology System does not constitute a public forum. The Cooperative reserves and retains the right to regulate the content of and links to the Cooperative's Technology System. The Cooperative also has the right to and does monitor use of its Technology System. Except as provided by federal and state statutes protecting the confidentiality of student education records, no user of the Cooperative's Technology System has an expectation of privacy in connection with such use.

The Executive Board recognizes that although the Internet and on-line services afford access to legitimate sources of information for academic and educational purposes, they also enable access to materials which may be illegal, obscene or indecent. The use of elements of the Cooperative's Technology System including the Internet shall be consistent with the Cooperative's educational mission and the curriculum adopted by the Board.

With respect to any of its computers with Internet access, the Cooperative will use technology protection measures (i.e. software devices which block and filter) to (A) protect minors against access through such computers to visual depictions which are obscene, constitute child pornography, or are otherwise harmful to minors, and (B) protect all users against access through such computers to visual depictions that are obscene or constitute child pornography. The Administration is authorized to

disable the use of software devices which block and filter internet access during appropriate use by an adult in order to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

The Executive Board further recognizes that the effective operation of the Cooperative's Technology System depends upon the existence and enforcement of guidelines for the efficient, ethical and legal use of its resources. The Administration is authorized to and shall adopt and enforce guidelines which limit the use of the System to educational purposes, and describe acceptable and ethical use of the System.

The guidelines shall, among other points, address:

- access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web;
- the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication;
- unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities by minors and other users online;
- unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and
- measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors.

Such guidelines shall be distributed to Cooperative employees and students and other members of the Eisenhower Cooperative community who are afforded access to the System.

Violation of the acceptable use guidelines shall be subject to consequences including but not limited to discipline, loss of System use privileges, and referral to law enforcement authorities or other legal action in appropriate cases.

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