

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Williams Bay Public School District is providing access to the Internet as a means to enhance the curriculum and provide learning opportunities for all students. The District has established the Internet Acceptable Use Policy to ensure appropriate use of this resource.

Rationale: The reasons for using the Internet as an instructional resource are:

- accessing global resources
- entering into partnerships to enhance learning options
- broadening problem-solving and decision-making abilities
- broadening research capabilities by using appropriate materials
- developing higher level thinking skills
- gaining employability skills needed for the 21st century
- utilizing electronic communication for educational purposes.

Internet access will be provided for students and staff for the purpose of conducting research and communicating with others. Independent student access to the Internet will be provided only to students who have agreed to abide by this policy and its accompanying guidelines and to act in a considerate and responsible manner.

As a part of its internet safety policy, the Williams Bay Public School District will educate minors about cyberbullying awareness and response, and appropriate online behavior, including interacting with others on social networking websites and in chat rooms.

Communication on the Internet is often very public in nature. Students are responsible for good behavior in the use of computers and the Internet, just as they are in a classroom or on school property. The Board does not sanction any use of the Internet that is not authorized by or conducted strictly in compliance with this policy and its accompanying guidelines. Users who disregard this policy and accompanying guidelines may have their privileges suspended or revoked, and disciplinary action taken against them. Users granted access to the Internet through the Board's computers assume personal responsibility and liability, both civil and criminal, for uses of the Internet not authorized by this Board policy and accompanying guidelines. When using the District's access to the Internet, users are expected to abide by the policies established by the District, which include generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to the following:

Acceptable Use—Responsible users:

- will follow rules of common sense or etiquette
- may use the Internet to research classroom projects and electronic mail for educational purposes only
- may use the Internet to explore other computer systems
- will respect and uphold copyright laws and all other applicable laws or regulations
- will respect the rights and privacy of others by not accessing private files

- will use the Internet in accordance with district policies relating to harassment
- may download or use streaming video or audio only with permission of the computer director to avoid overtaxing the network
- shall use the network in such a way that would not disrupt the use of the network by others
- will follow the regulations posted in the computer lab or other areas where computers are in use
- will follow the directions of the adult in charge of the computer lab or other areas where computers are in use

Unacceptable Use—Responsible users shall not:

- use the Internet for any illegal purpose
- bypass or attempt to bypass the filter
- use profane, impolite, or abusive language
- access or use social networking sites like Facebook or MySpace
- access or use gambling websites
- access any computer files that do not belong to the user or use another person's password
- use the system for commercial or profitable purposes
- use the network to access, transmit, or download pornographic, offensive, harassing, or other inappropriate material..
- use computers to access or lead to unauthorized access into accounts or other computer networks.
- use computers to pursue “hacking” internal or external to the district, or attempt to access information that is protected by privacy laws.
- create and/or distribute a computer virus over the network
- use the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by others
- deliberately or willfully cause damage to computer equipment, system, or network or assist others in doing the same
- deliberately access materials that are inconsistent with the school's code of conduct or the District's educational goals or show others how to do the same
- violate copyright or otherwise use another person's intellectual property without his or her prior approval and proper citation
- use the Internet and electronic mail for personal communication or to access chat lines
- use the Internet to harass, bully, insult, or threaten others
- use an account other than their own or misrepresent their identity.
- reveal addresses, phone numbers, images, or any other personal information about self or others when using the Internet or communicating electronically.

Security and Safety

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the district has implemented filtering/and or blocking software to restrict access to Internet sites containing child pornography, obscene depictions, or other objectionable materials harmful to minors. Nevertheless, parents/guardians are advised that a determined user may be able to gain access to services on the Internet that the Board has not authorized

for educational purposes, and are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using the Internet. In fact, it is impossible to guarantee students will not gain access through the Internet to information and communications that they and/or their parents/guardians may find offensive, inappropriate, objectionable, or controversial. The School District of Williams Bay does not condone the use of such material. Students must have a specific information objective in mind before they will be allowed to use Internet resources.

In order to ensure the systems are being used for educational purposes, the School District of Williams Bay reserves the right to inspect all data stored in public or private areas of networked or individual storage systems of any kind, without notice or warning, and at any time or for any reason. No District user should have any expectation of privacy as to his or her Internet usage, or the privacy of any electronic mail message, file, download, note or other data stored on or transmitted or received through any District computing facility.

Access to the Internet via the Williams Bay Public Schools is a privilege, not a right. This privilege may be restricted at any time for use not consistent with the educational goals of the district.

Students who commit any of the above listed acts of misconduct will be disciplined in one or more of the following ways:

- the student's parents will be contacted
- the student will be given limited access to school telecommunications equipment, networks, and service
- the student will be denied access to school telecommunications equipment, networks, and services
- the student will be required to pay for all property damage
- the student will receive an in-school suspension
- the student will receive an out-of-school suspension
- the student will be denied access to all district owned computer equipment, networks, and services
- the appropriate law enforcement agencies will be notified
- the student will be recommended for expulsion

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