

**STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES
POLICY**

Technology resources are provided for staff and students of the Richfield School District to explore educational topics, conduct research, create content, and exchange information with others in the educational world. Technology is an essential part of preparing children for life in the 21st century to become contributing members of the global society and successful future employees.

The District shall provide 4-year old kindergarten through eighth grade students with access to filtered sites on the Internet and access to electronic networks to enhance teaching and learning. Access to the Internet is to be used as a tool to further educational purposes as an integral part of the curriculum under adult supervision. Students shall be provided appropriate instruction to develop the skills necessary to access, analyze, and evaluate information obtained through the Internet. Students are expected to use the Internet only for the intended educational purposes.

To the best of its ability, it is the Richfield School District's policy to: (a) prevent access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet; (b) instruct in the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; (c) prevent unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online; (d) prevent unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and (e) enforce measures restricting minors' access to materials harmful to them per the Children's Internet Protection Act.

The District reserves the right to monitor and access all use of or content on the District's computers and networks. No person or user has an expectation of personal privacy in connection with their use of or content stored in, created, received or transmitted over any District property, including its computers and networks, unless such right is guaranteed by statute or other law.

Students are responsible for exercising good behavior and responsible for complying with all District policies when using District computers and networks. Any student's failure to exercise good behavior or comply with this policy will warrant serious consequences including, but not limited to, loss of computer and network privileges, discipline, suspension, expulsion, and legal action. Students are expected to take responsibility for conducting themselves in an appropriate, efficient, ethical, and legal manner when using the Richfield School District hardware, software, network resources, and accessing the Internet. The use of information technology resources is a privilege, not a right.

The accompanying rule establishes expectations for student conduct and behavior with regard to the use of technology and communication resources.