



PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: All Staff Having Access to District Computer Resources and the Internet

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District recognizes in today's environment it is necessary for select staff members to have access to computer resources such as hardware, software, networks, e-mail, etc. and to be able to utilize the Internet. It is anticipated that staff access to these resources will both expedite and enhance the performance of tasks associated with a staff member's assignments and position.

Staff member access to the Internet/Network is viewed as a valuable tool but it must be remembered that it can also expose those who use it to risks which the District cannot control including but not limited to viewing of offensive material, solicitations for personal information, threats from other users, attacks on the district network through viruses or worms, etc. Therefore it is imperative that all staff members understand the risks that they take in using the Internet and comply with the District's Internet Safety and Use Policies (No. 6460/7314), Attachment A, as well as the policy entitled Staff/All User Access to the District's Computer Network and Internet (No. 6460A), Attachment B.

Furthermore when accessing the district's computer network and/or the Internet the district encourages all users to do so, in a prudent manner and requires that they adhere to the attached Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Guidelines (No. 7314/6460 R), Attachment C.

In order to utilize the district's computer resources and have access to the Internet it will be **necessary for you to sign the bottom of this memorandum** and return it to the Personnel Department. By signing below you are acknowledging that you have read this memorandum and the attachments and that you agree to adhere to the requirements set forth in these documents. **If you do not have a signed form on file, your access rights will be suspended.**

It should also be noted that by acknowledging agreement you will be allowed a broader range of research ability than is allowed for students. While this will provide you greater ability to find information it also requires that you use a greater level of caution in accessing Internet sites. In consideration for the privilege of using the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District's computers and related hardware and software including the district's Computer Network you agree to release and discharge the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, and its respective officers, employees and agents, from any and all claims and liabilities arising out of or resulting from any use, operation or inability to use them and further agrees to defend and indemnify the District and hold the District harmless from and against all claims, proceedings, damages, injuries, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) relating to any acts taken by the undersigned in connection with any use of the District's computers and related hardware and software including the district's Computer Network.

Please note: There is no expectation of privacy in any file, information, data, mail or material located on or in any District computer or computer network account.

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After signing the bottom of this memorandum please retain a copy along with the attachments for your files and send the **original** of the memorandum to the Personnel Department/Administration. The originals will be placed in your personnel file and a copy will be sent to the Central Office of Technology which will serve as notification to establish your appropriate network rights

Please complete and sign the following, retain a copy along with the attachments for your files and return the original of the memorandum to the Personnel Office:

I _____ acknowledge that I have read the above memorandum and the District's INTERNET SAFETY AND USE POLICIES (policy No. 6460/7314), STAFF / ALL USER ACCESS to the DISTRICT'S COMPUTER NETWORK AND INTERNET (policy No. 6460A) and COMPUTER NETWORK AND INTERNET SAFETY AND USE GUIDELINES (Administrative Regulation No. 7314/6460 R) attached to this memorandum as Attachments A, B, and C and agree to abide by these policies and regulations and all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

I also acknowledge and understand that there is no expectation of privacy in any file, information, data, mail or material located on or in any District computer or computer network account. I further understand and acknowledge if I violate District policy in regard to the use of District computer resources and/or the Internet that my rights to use these items can be suspended and that I may face disciplinary action. Furthermore, I understand and acknowledge that my research access to the Internet will be for educational and/or school related purposes and although filtered will be broader than student access. If I should encounter a website that I deem as inappropriate and/or offensive or if I encounter a problem with the District's computers and related hardware and software including the district's Computer Network I will not hold the District responsible. I recognize that it is impossible for the District to completely restrict access to all such material and I will not hold the District responsible for materials I acquire and/or access on the Internet.

Waiver and Indemnification

In consideration for the privilege of using the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District Computer Network (the "District Network"), the Internet User executing this Acknowledgement of Responsibilities hereby agrees to release and discharge the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, and its respective officers, employees and agents, from any and all claims and liabilities arising out of or resulting from any use, operation, or inability to use the District Network and further agrees to defend and indemnify the District and hold the District harmless from and against all claims, proceedings, damages, injuries, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) relating, directly or indirectly, to (1) the undersigned Internet User's intentional acts, including, but not limited to those in violation of the Internet policy.

Name of Internet/Network User (please print): _____

Internet/Network User Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

SUBJECT: **INTERNET SAFETY AND USE POLICIES**

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District (the "District") supports the usage of the District's computer network by students and employees in order to access the Internet for purposes consistent with the educational goals of the District. Internet access is available to students, administrators, teachers and staff as part of a collaborative instructional project between the District and a service provider. The District's goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. In order to ensure user safety and the integrity of the networked system, and in order to comply with federal regulations requiring Internet filtering for schools and libraries receiving E-Rate and Title III funds, the District adopts the following Internet Safety and Use Policies:

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY:
Internet Filtering Services:

The District will employ filtering technology on all District computers with Internet access and will monitor the online activities of minors and adults. The filtering system employed by the District will enable the District to operate technology protection measures that will block and/or filter access by minors and adults to depictions on the Internet that are:

- a. Obscene;
- b. pornographic;
- c. harmful to minors

This filtering system will also enable the District to restrict access to materials that are inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. However, this filtering system, while effective, is not foolproof and may from time to time provide access to inappropriate and/or harmful material.

The District will maintain firewall technology to ensure that student information is not publicly accessible to unauthorized users, and the District professional staff will provide guidance, instruction and supervision to students in order to educate them regarding the importance of Internet privacy and anonymity.

Responsibilities of All Users:

It is the responsibility of all users of the District's computer network to be familiar with and adhere to the District's Internet Safety and Use Policies and accompanying Guidelines.

Parent/Guardian Responsibility for Safe Internet Use by Students

The Internet Safety and Use Policies and accompanying Guidelines are available for review by parents or guardians on request. Parents or guardians should be familiar them. The Internet Safety and Use Policies and accompanying Guidelines contain restrictions on accessing inappropriate and/or harmful material on the Internet through the District's computer network in order to protect users.

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In addition, the District will employ filtering technology and will monitor and attempt to properly channel on-line activities of students. However, there is a wide range of material available on the Internet that may not be in keeping with the particular views of the families of the students. The District recognizes that parents have primary responsibility for transmitting their particular set of values to their children and that the parents or guardians of minors are ultimately responsible for setting and conveying standards that their children should follow when using the Internet, media and information sources. Parents are also responsible for monitoring the students' use of the Internet and the District's network if students are using the District's computer network to access the Internet from home.

The District believes that the benefits to students of Internet access that result from the vast amount of information resources and opportunities for collaboration outweigh the disadvantages of such access. However, parents or guardians may believe otherwise and therefore may specifically request that the District not allow their child to have Internet access on the District's computer network.

Privileges of Internet Access and Penalties and Procedures For Violations:

In order to protect the safety of all users of the District's computer network(s), the District's computer network(s) is to be used for educational and work productivity purposes that are consistent with the goals of the District. The District will provide appropriate guidance to students via the professional staff regarding what is lawful and what is appropriate usage of the District's online network systems.

Use of the network(s) is a privilege, not a right. The District reserves the right to determine who may have access to its network(s). Any user identified as a security risk or who has a history of inappropriate Internet use or a history of inappropriate use of the District's computer network(s) or the computer network of any other agency or entity may be denied access to the District's computer network(s) and the Internet.

There is no expectation of privacy in any file, information, data, mail or material located on or in any District computer or computer network account. The District reserves the right to conduct, at any time and without notice, reviews of all computers and computer network accounts to determine adherence to the District's Internet Safety and Use Policies and accompanying Guidelines. The District reserves the right to inspect, at any time and without notice, the contents of any file, information, data, mail or material stored on or in its computers and its computer network(s).

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Inappropriate use and any violation of the Internet Use Policies and accompanying Guidelines by any user, including students, teachers, administrators and staff, may result in the loss of network privileges or other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, the building principal or their designee.

The Superintendent and/or his designee are authorized to enact the Guidelines to accompany and implement the District's Internet Safety and Use Policies.

DISTRICT INTERNET USE POLICY

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end user who must adhere to the following and to the District's Guidelines that are provided so that users are aware of the responsibilities they are about to acquire:

Purpose of Internet Access: All users, including students, teachers, administrators and staff, are responsible for their behavior and communications over the District's computer network. The use of the District's computer network(s) for access to the Internet and the use of a District account must be in support of education, research or work productivity and must be consistent with the educational objectives of the District. Students, teachers, administrators and staff shall have Internet access in order to:

- a. Communicate with people all over the world;
- b. Access information and news from various governmental agencies and research institutions;
- c. Access university library catalogs, the Library of Congress, etc.;
- d. Conduct District business

Student Access: Students may have access to the Internet through the District's computer network. Students' use of the network will be governed by the District's policies, regulations and guidelines including but not limited to the District's Internet Safety and Use Policies, by the accompanying Guidelines established by the District, by the District's Student Code of Conduct Policy, Field Trip Policy and by the District's discipline policy. Students are responsible for good behavior on the District's computer network just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway.

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Use of Other Networks: Use of another organization's network or computing resources through District equipment, software or hardware must comply with the rules of that network and with the District's Internet Safety and Use Policies and accompanying Guidelines.

Use of District Computer Network: The Superintendent and/or his designee shall establish Guidelines that will serve as the rules and regulations governing the use of the District's computers and its computer network(s). Students will be provided with guidance regarding what is lawful and what is appropriate usage of the District's network systems.

Netiquette: While online or accessing the Internet, all persons are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette.

Monitored Use: All files, information, data, mail or material, including but not limited to, communications, messages and transmissions, that use the District's computer network, equipment, data, software and/or hardware should be assumed to be and are the property of the District and users shall not have any expectation of privacy in such files, information, data, mail or material. Electronic mail transmissions and other electronic communication system(s) by any user of the District's computer network, equipment, data, software and/or hardware shall not be considered and are not confidential and may be monitored at any time by designated staff to ensure appropriate use for educational or work productivity purposes.

Note that all electronic mail (e-mail) and data files are not private and must be consistent with the educational objectives of the District or work productivity. People who operate the District's computer network systems have access to all files, information, data, mail or material on the District's computers or its computer network system(s).

Moreover, routine maintenance and monitoring of the system may lead to discovery that the user has or is violating the District's Internet Safety and Use Policies and accompanying Guidelines, other District policies or the law. Searches will be conducted if there is suspicion that a user has violated the District's policies, regulations and guidelines including but not limited to the District's Internet Safety and Use Policies and accompanying Guidelines, other District policies or the law.

Disclaimer and Limitation of Liability: The District is not responsible for any misuse of the privileges granted hereunder or any misuse of its computer network(s), equipment, software and/or hardware. Users agree to indemnify the District and hold it harmless in accordance with the terms set forth in the Acknowledgment of Responsibilities form signed by the user and parent or guardian where the user is a student.

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The District makes no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, that the functions or the services provided by or through the District's computer network system(s) will be error-free or without defect. The District is not responsible for any damages users may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, error or omissions, or interruptions of service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system. It is the responsibility of each user to verify the integrity and authenticity of the information that is used. The use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The District is not responsible for financial obligations arising through the use of the system, unless expressly authorized by the District's Board of Education.

Resource Limits: The District reserves the right to set maximum size limits for hard disk memory and other usage on the District computer systems. Users who are in non-compliance with quotas will have their files removed or access limited by a system administrator. The Building Principal or his/her designee has the authority to limit use of the system. Files, information, data, mail or material stored or saved by students or staff on or in the District's computers or computer network systems are subject to removal by the District. Users are urged to make copies of documents they wish to preserve. The District makes no guarantee that files, information, data, mail or material will not be erased or destroyed by any means at any time.

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and/or his designee to establish the Guidelines to accompany and implement the District's Internet Safety and Use Policies set forth herein.

Adopted: 11/15/04

Personnel

SUBJECT: STAFF / ALL USER ACCESS to the DISTRICT'S COMPUTER NETWORK AND INTERNET

All users, including teachers, administrators and staff, are responsible for their behavior and communications over the District's computer network and must adhere to the District Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Policies and Guidelines. The use of the District's computer network(s) for access to the Internet and the use of a District account must be in support of education, research of work productivity and must be consistent with the educational objectives of the District. Students, teachers, administrators and staff shall have Internet access in order to:

- a. Communicate with people all over the world;
- b. Access information and news from various governmental agencies and research institutions;
- c. Access university library catalogs, the Library of Congress, etc.; and
- d. Conduct District business

Generally, the same standards of acceptable staff conduct which apply to any aspect of job performance shall apply to use of the District's computer network. Employees are expected to communicate in a professional manner consistent with applicable District policies and regulations governing the behavior of school staff.

There is no expectation of privacy in any file, information, data, mail or material located on or in any District computer or computer network account. The District reserves the right to conduct, at any time and without notice, reviews of all computers and computer network accounts to determine adherence to the District's Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Policies and Guidelines. The District reserves the right to inspect, at any time and without notice, the contents of any file, information, data, mail or material stored on or in its computers and its computer network(s). The District reserves the right to limit access to the Internet through its filtering technology.

The Superintendent and/or his designee shall establish guidelines that will serve as the rules and regulations governing the use of the District's computers and its computer networks. In order to protect the safety of all users and in exchange for access to and use of the District's computer network, all users are required to sign an acknowledgement of Responsibility Form to be developed by the Superintendent or his/her designee that indicates the party signing those forms has read and understands its contents and has read and understands the District's Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Policies and Guidelines (policy # 7314/6460 and 6460A), and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth in these documents.

Circulated: 6/10/04

Adopted: 11/15/04

SUBJECT: **COMPUTER NETWORK AND INTERNET SAFETY AND USE GUIDELINES**

In accordance with the authority provided by the Board of Education, the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District (the "District") establishes the following guidelines for implementing the District's Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Policies:

I. General

1. The Superintendent of Schools shall designate a computer coordinator to oversee the District's computer network. The computer network coordinator shall monitor and examine all network activities, as appropriate, to ensure proper use of the system. The computer network coordinator shall be responsible for disseminating and interpreting District policy and guidelines governing use of the District's network at the building level with all network users. The computer network coordinator shall provide employee training for proper use of the network and will ensure that staff supervising students using the District's network provide similar training to their students, including providing copies of District policy and guidelines governing use of the District's network. The computer network coordinator shall ensure that all disks and software loaded onto the computer network have been scanned for computer viruses. All student agreements to abide by District policy and regulations and parental consent forms shall be distributed, managed, and kept on file in the building of the school attended by the student.
2. The District will monitor the online activities of minors through appropriate levels of administration and teachers. The District will provide appropriate guidance to students via the professional staff regarding what is lawful and what is appropriate usage of the District's online network systems.
3. The filtering system employed by the District will enable the District to restrict access to materials that are inappropriate and/or harmful to minors, as determined by the District. However, this system, while effective, is not foolproof and may from time to time provide access to inappropriate and/or harmful material. This filtering system, in conjunction with virus scanning software and firewall technologies, will also restrict access to Internet sites, hyperlinks, downloadable files, etc., that may potentially cause damage to the District's computer network. A user who incidentally connects to an inappropriate site must immediately disconnect from the site and notify a teacher or supervisor. If a user sees another user accessing inappropriate sites, he or she should notify a teacher or supervisor immediately.
4. Students and staff may not disable the District's filtering software at any time when students are using the Internet system if such disabling will cease to protect against access to inappropriate materials and Internet sites, hyperlinks, and/or files that can potentially damage the District's computer network. Authorized staff may temporarily or permanently unblock access to sites containing appropriate material and if the filtering software has inappropriately blocked access to such sites.

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5. It is the responsibility of all users of the District's computer network to be familiar with and adhere to the District's Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Guidelines. All users and recipients of computer network accounts must participate in training pertaining to the proper use of the network. Account users are responsible for the maintenance of their accounts.

6. If any user can identify a security problem on the District's computer network, equipment, data, software or hardware, or on the Internet, the user must immediately notify the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.

7. All student users must be familiar with and adhere to the District's Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Guidelines. Students are required to promptly disclose to a teacher, building administrator or staff member any received message that is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable.

8. All staff, including teachers must be familiar with and adhere to the District's Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Guidelines. Teachers are responsible for selecting material that is relevant to the course objectives and appropriate to the age of the students. Teachers will preview and review all material and on-line sites which they require students to access in order to determine the appropriateness and relevance of such material and on-line sites. In addition, teachers will provide guidelines and lists of resources to assist their students in properly channeling research activities. Furthermore, teachers will assist their students in developing skills to ascertain the truthfulness of information, to distinguish fact from opinion and will educate and supervise their students in the proper and appropriate use of the District's network system. Teachers must immediately forward to the building principal any reports from a student regarding inappropriate or uncomfortable messages received by the student.

9. Any specific request by a parent/guardian that the District not allow their child to have Internet access on the District's computer network must be made in writing, signed and dated by the parents or guardian and delivered to the student's building principal. Parents or guardians must make separate written requests for each child that will be denied Internet access by the District.

10. Any allegation that a student has violated the District's Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Policies and these Guidelines, will be handled in accordance with District policy, the District's Code of Student Conduct and in accordance with any applicable law, statute or regulation.

11. Any allegation that a teacher, administrator, staff member, other employee or any other person, whether or not an authorized user, has violated the District's Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Policies and these Guidelines, shall be handled in accordance with law, District policy and/or governing Collective Bargaining Agreements, if any.

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12. In order to protect the safety of all users and in exchange for access to and use of the District's computer network, all users must sign Acknowledgement of Responsibility form to be developed by the Superintendent and his/her designee that are legally binding and indicate that the party signing those forms have read and understood its contents and have read and understood the District's Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Policies and these Guidelines and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth in these documents.

13. Users of the District's computer network should not expect, nor does the District guarantee, privacy for any use of the District's computers or its computer network(s). The District reserves the right to access and view any material stored on District equipment or any material used in conjunction with the District's computer network. The District may monitor all use of the District's computer network and the Internet. There is no expectation of privacy in any file, information, data, mail or material located on or in any District computer or computer network account. The District reserves the right to conduct, at any time and without notice, reviews of all computers and computer network accounts to determine adherence to District policies, regulations and guidelines, including but not limited to the District's Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Policies and these Guidelines. The District reserves the right to inspect, at any time and without notice, the contents of any file, information, data, mail or material stored on or in its computers and its computer network(s).

14. Home and personal Internet use can have an impact on the school and on other students. If students' personal Internet expression-such as a threatening message to another student or a violent Web site-creates a likelihood of material disruption of the school's operations, students may face school discipline and criminal penalties.

II. **Internet Access**

1. Students:

Students may be provided access to the Internet during class time or during instruction time in a supervised environment.

Students may be provided with individual accounts.

Students will not have individual e-mail addresses sponsored by the District.

Students are not allowed to belong to mailing lists.

2. **Prohibited Uses**: The following is a list of prohibited uses of the District's computer network system, equipment, software and/or hardware:

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- a. Downloading, uploading, accessing, distributing or displaying of any material, or any other use of the District's computer network, equipment, data, software and/or hardware, that violates any federal or state statute, law or regulation is prohibited. This prohibition includes but is not limited to material protected by copyright laws, threatening material, obscene or pornographic material, or material protected by trade secret;
- b. Messages or other electronic data relating to or in support of illegal activities are prohibited and may be reported to the authorities or the Superintendent or his/her designee. The District will cooperate with local, state or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to any illegal activities conducted through the District's computer network system;
- c. Use of the District's computer network, equipment, software and/or hardware for personal and/or commercial activity is prohibited, including but not limited to personal purchases;
- d. Vandalism of any kind, through the use of computer viruses or by any other means, is prohibited. Vandalism includes but is not limited to intentionally and/or maliciously harming, damaging or destroying, or attempting to harm, damage or destroy, any portion of the District's computer network, equipment, data, software and/or hardware, intentionally and/or maliciously harming or destroying, or attempting to harm or destroy, any data stored on the District's computer network, intentionally and/or maliciously harming or destroying, or attempting to harm or destroy, any portion of any computer network, equipment, data, software, and/or hardware belonging to any other user or belonging to the Internet or belonging to any other agency, entity, person or network connected to the Internet. Any person who commits any act of vandalism to the District's computer network, equipment, data, software, and/or hardware will be fully responsible for all costs incurred by the District as a result of such vandalism, including but not limited to the costs related to the repair and/or replacement of any portion of the District's computer network, equipment, data, affected in any way by such act of vandalism;
- e. Downloading, uploading, accessing, distributing or displaying material is prohibited that, in the opinion of the administration, is obscene or pornographic, offensive to others, abusive of another person or group of persons, advocating violence, denigrating to people based on gender, race, ethnicity, religious beliefs or sexual identity, promoting the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, hate or weapons;
- f. Disclosing account passwords;
- g. Using passwords belonging to other users, attempting to access another user's account and/or accessing another user's account and/or accessing another user's folders, work or files;
- h. Sharing of passwords or accounts with any other person;

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- i. Placing unauthorized software or hardware on District computers;
 - j. Downloading, uploading, accessing, transmitting or distributing viruses;
 - k. Intentionally wasting computer network, equipment, software and/or hardware resources;
 - l. Using the District's computer network, equipment, software and/or hardware for product advertisement or political lobbying;
 - m. Bypassing or disabling, or attempting to bypass or disable, the filtering technology and/or software employed by the District is prohibited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, an administrator, supervisor or other person authorized by the District may disable the filtering technology during use by an adult to enable access to the Internet for bona fide research or other lawful purpose consistent with the District's Internet Safety and Use Policies and these Guidelines;
 - n. Plagiarizing another's work is prohibited. District policies and procedures on plagiarism will govern the use of material accessed through the system. All users are to use appropriate research and citation practices;
 - o. Posting of personally identifying information belonging to oneself or any other person on web sites;
 - p. Revealing any personally identifying information belonging to oneself or any other person is prohibited. Such information includes but is not limited to last name, social security number, home address, telephone number and credit card numbers;
 - q. Logging in to the District's computer network(s) or the Internet as "System Administrator," or attempting to do so;
 - r. The use of disrespectful, defamatory, inflammatory, obscene, vulgar, lewd, profane, rude, threatening, bigoted, harassing or illegal language or messages, cyber bullying; and
 - s. Posting or transmitting of chain e-mail letters.
3. **Netiquette**: While online or accessing the Internet, all persons are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette, including but not limited to the following:
- a. All users must be polite at all times;
 - b. Only appropriate language may be used in communications, messages and transmissions;
 - c. The District's computer network shall not be used in any way that disrupts its use by others;

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- d. Use of the system and the data acquired must be in strict compliance with law; and
- e. Receiving, sending, or forwarding another person's messages without that person's authorization should be avoided.

4. **Electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications (i.e. instant messaging services):** Students may not access "chat rooms" or utilize direct electronic communications, i.e. instant messaging services, via the District's computer network except when limited permission is granted in cases where such access is necessary for education or research and is technically feasible within the context of providing adequate security. Other users of the District's computer network may only access chat rooms and direct electronic communications for purposes that are consistent with the educational objectives of the District or for work productivity. In all cases such access must be in compliance with the District's Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Policies and these Guidelines.

5. **Disclaimer and Limitation of Liability:** The District makes no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, that the functions or the services provided by or through the District's computer network system will be error-free or without defect. The District is not responsible for any damages users may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, error or omissions, or interruptions of service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system. It is the responsibility of each user to verify the integrity and authenticity of the information that is used. The use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The District is not responsible for financial obligations arising through the use of the system, unless expressly authorized by the District's Board of Education.

Reservation of Rights: The District reserves the right and discretion to modify and/or amend these District's Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Policies and these Guidelines.