

Electronic Resources and Internet Safety

The Board of Directors of the Green Mountain School District recognize that an effective public education program develops students who are globally aware, civically engaged, and capable of managing their lives and careers in a modern world of electronic and digital tools and resources. The board also believes that staff and students need to be proficient, responsible, and safe users of digital information, media, and technology to succeed in a digital world.

Electronic Resources

All district electronic resources are to be used only for educational and professional purposes that support and are directly related to the mission and functions of the district. Use of district electronic resources and Internet by students, staff, contractors, and volunteers is a privilege and authorized in support of the educational mission of the district; unauthorized use of such resources may result in loss of that privilege or other disciplinary action.

The district will develop and use electronic resources as a powerful and compelling means for students to learn core subjects and applied skills in relevant and rigorous ways and for staff to educate them in such areas of need. It is the district's goal to provide students with appropriate opportunities to use technology in the school setting as part of their preparation to be college and career ready.

The superintendent or designee will: 1) insure the district has adequate electronic resources and technology for support of the district's educational programs, 2) provide appropriate staff development opportunities related to this policy, and 3) develop procedures to support this policy. The superintendent or designee is authorized to develop procedures and acceptable use guidelines for staff and students as to the use of district electronic resources, including those that access the Internet. The superintendent or designee is authorized to develop procedures pertaining to the use and regulation of personal electronic resources on district property and related to district activities.

The district will maintain an informational website as a means of disseminating information about the educational program and district operations. The superintendent or designee shall be responsible for managing the district's web presence, and is authorized to develop and implement procedures and guidelines for posting or publishing online materials.

Internet Safety

To help ensure student safety and citizenship with electronic resources, all students will receive age-appropriate education on Internet and network safety. This will include appropriate online behavior, including curriculum related to safety when using social networking websites and chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

To promote Internet safety and appropriate online behavior of students and staff as they use district electronic resources and access the Internet, the superintendent or designee is authorized to develop or

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adopt Internet safety procedures, acceptable use guidelines, and, for students, related instructional resources for each grade level. In developing such procedures and materials, local factors including district resources, community norms, student age, privacy rights, and other identified factors shall be considered as well as broad issues of concern with student and staff use of electronic resources.

As a component of district Internet safety measures, all district-owned electronic resources, including computer networks and wireless resources capable of accessing the Internet must use filtering software to prevent access to obscene, racist, hateful or violent material, or other content deemed inappropriate by district officials. However, given the ever-changing nature of the Internet, the district cannot guarantee that a student will never be able to access objectionable material.

Further, when students use the Internet from school facilities for educational purposes, district staff will make a reasonable effort to supervise student access and the use of the Internet. If material is accessed that violates district policies, procedures, or guidelines for electronic resources or acceptable use, district staff may instruct the person to cease using that material and/or implement sanctions consistent with district policies, procedures, guidelines, or student codes of conduct.

Cross References:

- 5281 – Disciplinary Action and Discharge
- 4400 – Election Activities
- 3241 – Classroom Management, Corrective Actions, and Discipline
- 3231 – Student Records
- 3207 – Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
- 2025 – Copyright Compliance
- 2020 – Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials

Legal References:

- 18 USC 2510-2522 Electronic Communication Privacy Act
- Pub. L. No. 110-385 Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act
- RCW 28A.300.285 Harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention policies and procedures

Management Resources:

- Policy News June 2015
- Policy News October 2012
- Policy News February 2012
- Policy News, June 2008
- Policy New, August 1998

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