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### **363.2 – Internet Safety and Acceptable Use of Technology**

The Green Lake School District recognizes that effective performance of computer and telecommunications networks relies upon end users adhering to established standards of proper conduct. This regulation defines the responsibilities of Green Lake School District employees and students using network and Internet resources provided by public funds. In general, this requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of network resources. If a user violates any of these provisions, his or her access to the school district tele-computing resources may be denied and disciplinary action will be taken. Students and staff will be required to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement annually.

The District shares responsibility with parents and community regarding access to Internet sites and technology resources. In light of these responsibilities, there is hardware and software in place to filter and block inappropriate sites and high risk activities. The District reserves the right to block sites that do not enhance classroom activities. This filtering will, at a minimum, meet the requirement of the Children's Internet protection Act (CIPA) to provide protection from obscene, pornographic and other materials considered harmful to minors. Staff may request access to blocked sites in curriculum related circumstances from Technical Services.

The use of an Internet filter does not diminish the user's personal responsibility to use the network in conformance with the standards in this policy. Students and parents should be aware that some materials available on the Internet could be objectionable, illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. The District supports and respects each family's right to limit access rights to Internet-based resources during the school day.

Users will not use the District's system to access or share material that is profane or obscene (pornography), that advocates illegal acts, or that advocates violence or discrimination towards other people (hate literature). For students, a special exception may be made for hate literature only if the purpose of such access is to conduct research and access is approved by both the teacher and the parents or legal guardians.

All resources accessed by students via school computers or other technology equipment must support the curriculum.

Although the District maintains filtering for student Internet access, it is not possible for the District to completely monitor and enforce social values in student use of the Internet. The filtering will meet the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act to provide protection from obscene, pornographic, and other materials considered harmful to minors.

While the District encourages its staff and students to take full advantage of the resources provided by the District to supplement their educational experience, it is important to remember that use of the District's network resources is a privilege, not a right. The District reserves the right to monitor a student or employee's computer activity without additional notice. This resource, as with any other public resource demands those entrusted with the privilege of its use be accountable.

Use of the district's network resources during school and professional hours must be:

- in support of education and/or research and school business
- it must support the mission of the Green Lake School District and
- be in accordance with all school board policies.

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Use of the District system is limited to educational purposes which include, but are not limited to:

- promoting educational excellence
- resource sharing
- facilitating innovative instruction and communication
- preparing students to live and work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century by providing them with electronic access to a wide range of information

Use of the District system to access or share material that is profane or obscene (pornography), that advocates illegal acts, or that advocates violence or discrimination toward people (hate literature), is prohibited.

The District system will also enable employees to upgrade skills and knowledge through the enhanced ability to exchange information with peers. The District system will assist the District in sharing information with the local community, including parents, local, state and federal governmental departments, agencies, or employees and businesses.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 06/23/2010

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 07/28/2010

1<sup>st</sup> Read for Review: 10/02/2012

2<sup>nd</sup> Read for Review: 11/14/2012

**Legal References:** Wisconsin State Statutes 118.001, 120.12(2), 120.13(1), 943.70, AND 947.0125; Federal Copyright Law; Children’s Internet Protection Act; Neighborhood Children’s Protection Act; Computer Software Copyright Act of 1980; Children’s Online Privacy Act.

**Cross References:** 330, Curriculum Planning; 347, Student Records; 363.3, Assistive Technology Concerns for Students with Special Needs; 512, Employee Harassment; 871, Public Complaints about Instructional/Library Materials.