

ACCEPTABLE USE

The East Central Special Education Unit believes network access plays an important role in the education of students; however, the network also contains content that is not appropriate for students and staff. The Unit has taken precautions, in accordance with federal law, to restrict students and staff access to obscene, pornographic, and/or harmful information through the use of software designed to block sites containing inappropriate material. While the Unit has taken preventive measures, it recognizes that it is not possible to fully guarantee staff will never access objectionable materials.

Education

The Unit shall provide education to staff about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites, as well as cyberbullying awareness and response.

Monitoring Use

Network access is a privilege, not a right. Network storage areas shall be subject to the same scrutiny as school lockers for students. Staff shall have no expectations of privacy when using district computers and/or networks and shall use this technology solely for classroom/district-related purposes. Network administrators may view files and communications to maintain the integrity of the system and to ensure proper and responsible use of the system. Teachers and administrators will exercise supervision of student use.

Prohibitions

The Unit subscribes to the acceptable use policies of EduTech. All district computer users shall abide by this policy. The Director or designee may take disciplinary measures when any of the following actions occur:

1. Accessing, downloading, or publishing inappropriate Internet material;
2. Sending or posting threatening, harassing, insulting, annoying or alarming content;
3. Sending, posting, or using obscene language;
4. Violating the privacy rights of students and employees of the Unit;
5. Vandalizing and/or tampering with district computers, and/or networks;
6. Hacking or any other form of unauthorized access to accounts, computer systems, or files;
7. Attempting to breach network security or transmit viruses;
8. Violating copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other intellectual property laws;
9. Using the network for political purposes as defined by state law, financial gain, and/or commercial purposes;
10. Other actions deemed inappropriate or is not in the best interest of the Unit, its employees, and students.

Violations

Violations of this policy, or any federal/state law, rule or regulation, may result in loss of network privileges, as well as further disciplinary action up to and termination of employment for staff, as determined by the Director or designee.

REQUIRED

Descriptor Code: ACDA

Consent

All staff must consent to this policy in writing prior to accessing district networks, computers, and/or other technologies.

Complementing NDSBA Templates (may contain items not adopted by the Board)

- DE, Staff Conduct
- FF, Student Conduct & Discipline
- FF-AR, Student Conduct Standards & Disciplinary Procedures
- FFK, Suspension & Expulsion
- FFK-BR, Suspension & Expulsion Regulations

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