

**CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMPUTER, INTERNAL NETWORK, ELECTRONIC MAIL, AND INTERNET
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENTS
363.2**

The School District of Cumberland provides employees and students access to the District's internal network and to the Internet for the purpose of furthering the educational goals and objectives of the District, the professional development of its employees, and the educational enrichment of its students. Access to these facilities is available in all District schools.

The District supports students' use of the Internet to participate in distance learning activities, to ask questions of and consult with experts, to communicate with other students and individuals, and to locate material to meet their educational and informational needs. Information available to students via the Internet is constantly changing; therefore, it is impossible to predict with certainty what information students might locate. Just as the purchase, availability, and use of media materials does not indicate endorsement of their content by school officials, neither does making electronic information available to students imply endorsement of that content.

District computers and network resources may be provided for instructional, development, and management purposes for use by students, subject to the District's rule regarding computer and Internet use by students (363.2-Rule). At no time does the School District relinquish its exclusive control of computer systems provided for the convenience of students. District computers and networks may not be used to disrupt educational or management functions, and hardware and/or software shall not be destroyed, modified, copied, transferred, decompiled, disassembled, disabled, or otherwise abused in any manner. Users shall not seek information about other users on the District's network, including but not limited to passwords, files, data, electronic mail, or other data that may be stored and accessed through said computers and networks.

School administrators will apply the same criterion of educational suitability used for other education resources when providing access to software and Internet information resources. All use of these resources shall be directly related to the education of the student or the management of these resources by staff and administrators of the District.

The District firmly believes that the valuable information, interaction, collaboration, and peer contact available on the Internet all outweigh the possibility that students may access materials that are not consistent with the educational and professional development goals of the District. Ultimately, we rely on the parents and guardians of minors to be responsible for conveying and enforcing standards that their children should follow when using electronic resources, like the Internet or any other media, and we rely on our employees to use good judgment in selecting the resources for students' use.

The District has extensive systems and security mechanisms in place to ensure the security, integrity, and appropriateness of the data on its networks. However, recognizing that the state of computing is constantly evolving, and further acknowledging that no mechanism can be fully and constantly capable of screening the ever-changing body of Internet content, the District relies on and respects each family's right to decide whether to allow their student(s) access to the Internet.

1. The District reserves the right to monitor all computer use and to inspect any and all data stored in the public or private areas of the network, without notice or warning, and at any time, for any purpose.
2. The District's computer system may not be used to create, view, send, receive, store, display, or print text or graphics which may be reasonably construed to be obscene, disruptive, or harmful to the educational environment. The District reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, whether materials fit into these categories. Materials fitting into these categories include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Pornographic or erotic images; racial slurs; derogatory gender-specific comments; comments that offensively address a person's age, race, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs, national origin or disability.
3. Like student lockers, computers are provided to students for their convenience. Their use is considered a privilege rather than a right, and, as such, are subject to inspection and search without notice or consent.
4. District computing facilities may not be used to download or distribute software or data that is pirated or violates applicable copyright law.
5. District computing facilities may not be used to propagate any virus, to delete or modify data that is part of the educational curriculum, to disable or overload the computer system, or to access privately stored materials or data.
6. All students must safeguard their user identification and password and may not allow others to utilize their user identification or password or utilize a user identification or password other than their own.
7. Electronic mail may not be used to propagate chain letters, advertising, jokes, personal files, images, or other materials not directly related to educational goals. Students should not send unwanted or inappropriate email. Such use may be considered harassment and will be dealt with accordingly.
8. Students should not access non-educational chat rooms, bulletin boards, forums, etc. without prior consent of the teacher or persons monitoring the school Internet.
9. Students should not engage in activities on the Internet that are sexually explicit or drug-related. Engaging in such activities will result in the automatic termination of Internet privileges, as well as possible suspension and/or expulsion from school.
10. Students should not use vulgar, suggestive, or otherwise inappropriate language on the Internet.
11. Students are not to use the Internet to purchase products or services.
12. Students should not become involved in any activity on the Internet which would violate the policies of the District.

13. Students who may not use the Internet and/or technology resources must have a form signed by a parent/guardian on file with the network administrator.

Exploring the Internet is for the purpose of expanding educational opportunities alone. Any student in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include, but is not limited to, restitution for any and all damage, and/or legal action, loss of computer use privileges, suspension, or expulsion.

The District will ensure that every student's parent or guardian is notified of these computer network and Internet use policies and procedures in the beginning of each school year. The District reserves the right to distribute a summary of this policy at the beginning of the year, rather than the full policy and rule. Parents will be informed of the procedure to receive a complete copy of the policy and the rule regarding student use of computer systems. Parents must review these policies and rules with their children, explaining the provisions in a manner in which the student understands. If parents do not want their student to access the school's internal networks and Internet, the Student Technology Acceptable Use Agreement (363.2 Exhibit) should not be signed. In addition to this parental review, appropriate District employees will review this Acceptable Use Policy with students at appropriate times during each school year and will ensure that each student has permission to access the District's networks and the Internet.

The complete computer use rule (363.2-Rule, Computer, Internal Network, Electronic Mail and Internet Rules for Students) can be found on the District's website: www.cumberland.k12.wi.us. This policy and the accompanying rule (363.2-Rule) are to be read together, and one shall not limit or restrict enforcement of the other. If there is confusion regarding a provision in the policy, the rule should be consulted for clarification.

LEGAL REF: Section 120.13 Wisconsin Statutes, 943.70

CROSS REF: Children Internet Protection Act; 522.6 & 522.6 Rule Computer, Internal Network, Electronic Mail & Internet Acceptable Use Policy for Employees; 363.2 Rule Computer, Internal Network, Electronic Mail & Internet Acceptable Use Policy for Students; 363.2 Exhibit Student Technology Acceptable Use Agreement; 363.25 One-to-One Technology Program Acceptable Use Policy; 447 Student Discipline; 447.3 Student Suspension/Expulsion; 743 Internet Use; 771.1 Use of Copyrighted Material

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