

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Salem, Connecticut

INSTRUCTION

INTERNET SAFETY: FILTERING

The Board of Education provides computers, computer systems, software, electronic access privileges, and networks for students and staff to carry out the mission of the Board in an environment which ensures access to up-to-date information, management, and communication services. Responsible use of these systems and networks is expected of all students and staff.

The Internet changes rapidly, making it impossible to filter all objectionable sites. Therefore, the staff role in supervising and monitoring student access to the Internet is critical. In addition, each individual has the responsibility to monitor their own navigation on the Internet to avoid undesirable sites.

In order to ensure that the District's Internet connection is used in the appropriate manner and that all users are protected from inappropriate information published on the Internet, the District has and is continuing to implement the following:

1. Professional development opportunities to increase teacher awareness of appropriate Internet use.
2. Educating students to use effective and appropriate search techniques.
3. Use of the computers, computer systems, software electronic access privileges and networks shall be restricted to those users who have signed the District's "Acceptable Use Policy." The "Acceptable Use Policy" must also be signed by the student's parent or guardian.
4. Implementation of a system developed to filter out Internet sites with content/material considered inappropriate or harmful and unacceptable for student viewing.
5. All Internet access must be filtered for all users.

Filtering should only be viewed as one of a number of techniques used to manage student's access to the Internet and encourage acceptable usage. It should not be viewed as a foolproof approach to preventing access to material considered inappropriate or harmful to minors.

The Superintendent of Schools will establish guidelines and procedures for responsible use of computers, computer systems, software, electronic access privileges, and networks provided by the Board of Education.

(cf. 6141.321 - Internet Use)

(cf. 6141.322 - District/School/Staff/Student Web Sites and Web Pages)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes: 1-19(b)(11) Access to public records. Exempt records. 10-15b Access of parent or guardians to student's records. 10-209 Records not to be public. 11-8a Retention, destruction and transfer of documents. 11-8b Transfer or disposal of public records. State Library Board to adopt regulations. 46b-56 (e) Access to Records of Minors.

Connecticut Public Records Administration Schedule V - Disposition of Education Records (Revised 1983). Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended, added by section 513 of P.L. 93-568, codified at 20 U.S.C. 1232g.). Dept. of Educ. 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (May 9, 1980 45 FR 30802) regs. implementing FERPA enacted as part of 438 of General Educ. provisions act (20 U.S.C. 1232g)-parent and student privacy and other rights with respect to educational records, as amended 11/21/96. Public Law 106-554 Fiscal 2001, Appropriations Law containing the "Children's Internet Protection Act". Public Law 94-553, The Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. 101 et. seq. *Reno v. ACLU*, 521 U.S. 844 (1997). *Ginsberg v. New York*, 390 U.S. 629, at 642, n.10 (1968). *Board of Education v. Pico*, 457 U.S. 868 (1988). *Hazelwood School District V. Kuhlmeier*, 484 U.S. 620, 267 (1988).

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