

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Salem, Connecticut

INSTRUCTION

USE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Board of Education believes that the use of computers and related technologies supports the curriculum and enhances communication.

Students and staff will access a vast scope of information available in the school, as well as connections to global resources via the Internet. Since neither Salem School District, nor any of its staff controls the content of the information available on the Internet, some of the information may be controversial or offensive. The Board believes that administration, the library media specialists and teachers have a professional responsibility to work together to help students develop the intellectual skills needed to discriminate among information sources, to identify information appropriate to their age and developmental levels, and to evaluate and use information to meet their educational goals.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for student use of technology. Such procedures should address issues of privacy, ethical use of information with respect to intellectual property, illegal uses of the networks and conditions of usage. The procedures should strive to preserve student rights to examine and use information to meet the educational goals and objectives of the district. These procedures will be posted in each room in the building where technology is in use.

This policy and attached procedures will be included annually in the student handbook.

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