

Computers, Networking, and the Internet

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~~In pursuit of these commitments, the Board has directed the Superintendent to equip schools and offices with adequate computer equipment and to create and maintain a computer network which interconnects all District facilities. Furthermore, the District shall provide access to the Internet via said network. Network and Internet use are privileges the Board wants to offer staff and students, but these privileges are subject to certain standards of use. They are also subject to the ongoing availability of resources for support and for upgrades to equipment and infrastructure, and to necessary procedures and restrictions imposed for the purpose of managing networks and systems.~~

~~Except for elementary students, each prospective user of the network and the Internet must complete and submit an application for a Vrainnet license, i.e., the right to use the District's computers and network. An elementary school principal may limit student use of the Internet to closely supervised conditions only, in which case written parent permission to use the Internet will suffice in place of VrainNnet licensing.~~

~~An approved application will serve as a contract for individual use of the District's computer equipment and Internet connection, and it will signify the user's acceptance of any terms and conditions published now or later by the St. Vrain Valley School District. The Board reserves the right to withhold or withdraw Internet privileges and/or network access from any user or prospective user due to access or use of equipment or services which does not comply with the current terms and conditions for such access or utilization. Access is reserved for District personnel and students and is not generally available for access or use by the public.~~

~~Computer services and networks will be managed by the Executive Director of Instructional Information Technology.~~

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provide safe and reliable opportunities and spaces for students and staff to do both.

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Technology is constantly in flux, but the security, safety and opportunity of and for our staff and students is paramount. Staff and students are encouraged to use our networks in support of teaching and learning, recognizing that there is an inherent responsibility to protect one's self and others' selves and property in the process. To minimize risk, the District employs a number of tools and monitoring technologies, such as filters, designed to comply with relevant laws as well as to create a reasonable expectation of safety. It is ultimately up to each individual student or staff member to be responsible for his or her use of these networks and to understand the specifics of EHC-R and other policies as they pertain to computer, network and Internet use.

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LEGAL REFS.: 47 U.S.C. 254(h) Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000
47 U.S.C. 231 Child Online Protection Act of 1998
20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq. Elementary and Secondary Education Act
CRS 24-72-201 et seq. Colorado Open Records Act
CRS 24-80-101 et seq. State archives and public records

CROSS REF.: EGAEA, Electronic Mail
JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on
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JRA/JRC-E, Student Records/Release of Information on
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