

INTERNET SAFETY

The Board of Education of the Great Neck Public Schools committed to undertaking efforts that provide safe student use of the District's computers resources for access to the Internet and World Wide Web. To this end, although unable to guarantee that any selected filtering and blocking technology will work perfectly, the Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools or designee to develop, procure and implement procedures that provide for the safety and security of students using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; monitor the online activities of students using District computers; and restrict student access to materials that are harmful to minors as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Such technology protection measures will block or filter Internet access by:

- adults for visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography,
- minors for visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, as defined in CIPA.

Subject to staff supervision, however, any such measures may be overridden for conducting bona fide student research or other lawful purposes, in accordance with criteria established by the Superintendent of Schools or designee.

The Superintendent of Schools or designee also will develop and implement procedures that provide for the safety and security of students using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; monitoring the online activities of students using District computers; and restricting student access to materials that are harmful to minors.

In addition, the Board of Education prohibits the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding students; unauthorized online access by students, including hacking and other unlawful activities; and access by students to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web. The Superintendent of Schools or designee will establish and implement procedures that enforce these restrictions.

The Superintendent of Schools or individual designated under [*Policy 4526 Computer Network and Internet Acceptable Use For Students and Staff*](#) will monitor and examine all District computer network activities to determine compliance with this policy and will be responsible for providing staff and students with training on the requirements set forth herein.

All users of the District's computer network, including access to the Internet and World Wide Web, must understand that use is a privilege, not a right, and that any such use entails responsibility. Users are required to comply generally accepted rules of network etiquette, and the District's policy on the acceptable use of computers and the Internet.

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Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, the revocation of computer access privileges.

The District will also provide age-appropriate instruction regarding appropriate online behavior, including, but not limited to:

1. interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms, and
2. cyberbullying awareness and response.
3. protecting Personally Identifiable Information (PII).

Instruction will be provided even if the District prohibits students from accessing social networking sites or chat rooms on District computers.

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