

LOCAL AREA NETWORK, RELATED TECHNOLOGY AND THE INTERNET

POLICY

The Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Twenty-four considers computers, the computer network and related technology to be a valuable tool for education and encourages the use of computers and computer and other related technology in District classrooms. The District now has the ability to enhance students' education through the use of computers and related technology on the Local Area Network and the Internet.

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to implement the use of technology protection measures that protect adults and minors against any visual depictions on computers and related technology which are obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors, as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act.

The Superintendent of Schools shall also develop and implement procedures which provide for the safety and security of minors when using computers and related technology including, but not limited to, tablets and other personal electronic devices, electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; monitoring the online activities of students using District computers and related technology and/or the Local "Area Network"; and restricting student access to materials that are harmful to minors.

The Board of Education prohibits the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification regarding students and the unauthorized access by all users including, but not limited to, hacking and other unlawful activities online; and access to inappropriate matter via District technology to the Internet and World Wide Web.

Students and all users of this technology have the responsibility to use this educational opportunity properly in accordance with the rules of the District. All users of the District's computers, computer network and related technology must understand that use is a privilege and not a right, and that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, the revocation of access privileges.

All users must comply with the following while utilizing District technology and/or the District's LAN:

1. All uses must be in support of education and consistent with the purposes of this Policy.
2. Network accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account. The sharing of passwords is absolutely prohibited unless authorized and/or directed by the Superintendent of Schools or designee.
3. Any violations of this Policy must be immediately reported to the Superintendent of Schools.
4. The teacher in charge must approve the use of personal disks, portable storage devices or portable drives on the network computers and related technology.
5. Personal information about oneself should not be shared. Any requests received for personal information should be immediately reported to the Supervisor.

6. Use of the network or other District technology to access or process inappropriate materials or to download files dangerous to the integrity of the network or technology is prohibited. Transmission of material, information, or software in violation of any District policy or federal, state or local law or regulation is prohibited.
7. Network users identifying a security problem on the District system must notify the teacher in charge. Do not demonstrate the problem to anyone.
8. Network users may not download materials for their own personal use. Copyrighted materials must be used in accordance with applicable law.
9. Vandalism will result in cancellation of system use privileges. Vandalism is defined as a malicious attempt to harm or destroy District technology, equipment or materials or that of another user.
10. Failure to abide by this Policy will result in revocation of access and when appropriate, disciplinary action.

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