

## **Instruction**

### **Acceptable Use Policy for Members of the Community/Public**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is in response to community members and consultants who need access to the Internet as part of normal business activities within Peoria Public Schools District 150.

#### **Access**

Access to the District's electronic communications system, including the Internet, shall be made available to members of the public, in accordance with administrative regulations. Such use shall be permitted so long as the use:

1. Imposes no tangible cost on the District
2. Does not unduly burden the District's computer or network resources

Access to the District's electronic communications system is a privilege, not a right. All users shall be required to acknowledge receipt and understanding of all administrative regulations governing use of the system and shall agree in writing to allow monitoring of their use and to comply with such regulations and guidelines. Noncompliance may result in suspension of access or termination of privileges and other disciplinary action consistent with District policies.

#### **Disclaimer of Liability**

The District shall not be liable for users' inappropriate use of electronic communication resources or violations of copyright restrictions or other laws, users' mistakes or negligence, and costs incurred by users. The District shall not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy, age appropriateness, or usability of any information found on the Internet.

#### **Search and Seizure**

- You should expect only limited privacy in the contents of your records of your on-line activity.
- Routine maintenance and monitoring of the Network may lead to discovery that you have violated this Policy or the law.
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Use of the network may be subject to Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Illinois Student Records Act (ISRA), and discovery in civil litigation. Records related to network usage may be produced for the public that requests documents pursuant to FOIA, opposing parties in litigation with a district, parents and students requesting information under ISRA, FOIA, and FERPA.

An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that you have violated this Policy or the law.

- If the law is violated by the use of District technology equipment or network, legal authorities may institute a search and seizure process.

Legal Ref: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act  
Illinois Freedom of Information Act. 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.  
Illinois Student Records Act. 105 ILCS 10/1 et seq.

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