

Internet Access and Internet Safety

The Humboldt School District provides students, staff, and guests with access to the Internet. The school district's defined educational purpose in providing Internet access is for classroom activities, research related to school classroom activities, career development, and quality independent study activities and to further educational/personal goals consistent with the mission of the school district and school policies. The district Internet has not been established as a public access or a public forum. Uses, which might be acceptable on a user's private personal account on another system, may not be acceptable on this limited purpose network. Although the district monitors Internet usage and provides a protection filtering system, the user is ultimately responsible for his/her own individual use of the Internet. The school district's Internet access and use is a privilege, not a right. The district has the right to place restrictions on use, to ensure that use of the system is in accordance with its focus on education.

Students will be able to access the Internet through their teachers. Individual student accounts and electronic mail addresses *may* be issued to students. If a student already has an electronic mail address, the student *may with the permission of the supervising teacher*, be permitted to use the address to send and receive mail at school.

The district makes no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, that the functions or services provided by or through the district Internet will be error free or without defect. The district will not be responsible for any damage users may suffer, including, but not limited to, loss of data, interruptions of service, or exposure to inappropriate material or people. The district is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through the Internet or for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the Internet. Parents /guardians, students, or adult users will indemnify or hold the district harmless from any losses sustained as a result of misuse of the Internet. Use of the Internet by students will be limited to those who have signed and whose parents/guardians have signed a Parental Permission for Internet Access and Use.

General school rules for behavior and communications apply. Students are responsible for good behavior on computers and on the Internet.

Students will receive instruction regarding the ethical, legal and responsible use of the Internet and their rights and responsibilities regarding this policy.

The school district will monitor the online activities of students and will educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting on social networking sites and chat rooms. Students will also be educated on cyberbullying, including awareness and response. Employees will provide age appropriate training for students who use the Internet. The training provided will be designed to promote the school district's commitment to:

- The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Internet Safety Policy;
- Student safety with regard to:
 - safety on the Internet;
 - appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and
 - in chat rooms; and
 - cyberbullying awareness and response.
- Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act

Employees and students will be instructed on the appropriate use of the Internet. Parents will be required to sign a permission form to allow their students to access the Internet. Students will sign a form acknowledging they have read and understand the Internet Acceptable Use policy and regulations, that they will comply with the policy and regulations, and that they understand the consequences for violation of the policy or regulations.

Legal References: 47 C.F.R. 54.520

Iowa Code § 279.8

Cross References:

- 104 Anti-Bullying/Harassment
- 502 Student Rights and Responsibilities
- 506 Student Records
- 605.5 School Library

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