**Internet Safety 5220**

Recognizing that the Internet represents an important resource that allows access to ideas, information and commentary from around the world, the WCSD provides Internet access to staff, students, volunteers and community education members (users) as an aid to research, teaching and learning. Access to the Internet, electronic mail and computers will be governed by this policy, the Acceptable Use Regulation and the District’s administrative procedures.

This policy has been developed in compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act and the

Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act (Public Law 106-554).

Access to the Internet using the District’s computer equipment (and any electronic device) is subject to the following restrictions (access using personal laptops is also covered by this filtering):

A. **Filtering.** Filtering software will be used to block minors’ access to:

1. visual depictions that are (a) obscene, (b) child pornography, or (c)

harmful to minors;¹ and

2. Internet sites which, in the Board’s determination, contain material which is “inappropriate for minors.” (See item B. below.)

Adult access to visual depictions that are obscene and/or child pornography will also be blocked. However, the Superintendent or his/her designee may disable the software to enable access to blocked sites for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

B. **Matter Inappropriate for Minors.** The Board will (from time to time)

determine by resolution what Internet material is “inappropriate for minors” in the

District. This determination will be based on community standards.

C. **Safety of Minors When Using Direct Electronic Communications.** In using the computer network and Internet, minors are not permitted (without proper authorization) to reveal personal information such as home addresses, telephone numbers, their real last names or any other information which might allow someone they are communicating with online to locate them. No minor may arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone he/she “meets” on the computer network or Internet without permission of his/her parent or guardian.

D. **Unauthorized Access and Other Unlawful Activities**. It is a violation of this policy to:

1. use the school’s computer network or the Internet to gain unauthorized access to other computers or computer systems, or to attempt to gain such unauthorized access;

2. damage, disable or otherwise interfere with the operation of computers,

computer systems, software or related equipment through physical action or by electronic means; and/or

¹The terms “obscene”, “child pornography”,, “harmful to minors”, and “matter inappropriate for minors”, used throughout the policy, are defined in the Children’s Internet Protection Act and the Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act (Public Law 106-554). See Appendix A.

3. violate state or federal law relating to copyright, trade secrets, the distribution of obscene or pornographic materials, or any other applicable law or municipal ordinance.

E. **Unauthorized Disclosure and Dissemination of Personal Identification Information Regarding Minors.** Personally identifiable information concerning minors may not be disclosed or used in any way on the Internet (e.g., on the District’s web page or otherwise) without the permission of a parent or guardian or pursuant to the District’s Directory Information Policy. If a student is 18 or over, the permission may also come from the student himself/herself.

F. **Monitoring.** Those responsible for supervising minors while using District computers will also be responsible for monitoring their online activities by circulating throughout the area where the computers are located and directly observing the nature of those activities.

G. **Instruction on Internet Social Interactiona and Cyberbullying.** The District will educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites/chat rooms as well as cyberbullying awareness and response.

H. **Regulations and Dissemination.** The Superintendent will develop and implement regulations consistent with this policy. The Superintendent will also be responsible for disseminating the policy and associated regulations to school personnel and students.

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