

## Instruction

### Internet/Computer Networks Use- Regulation

#### Online Social Networking

The use of permitted social networking sites by students on District computers shall be in conformity with the following guidelines.

1. The search for illegal, violent, drug-related, pornographic, profane and/or other inappropriate materials is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
2. The computers and accessing social networking sites should be used for research and school projects or to connect with other students or faculty in a positive manner.
3. The social networking site must not be used to harass or cyber-bully other students and/or faculty.
4. Copyright infringement, plagiarism and illegal downloading are all acts which will result in disciplinary action.
5. Students should utilize teachers and administrators to determine if the site to be used is appropriate.
6. Students must leave an inappropriate site immediately when accessing such a site in error.
7. Students must not visit a blog for personal reasons during the educational time period.
8. Assignments involving the use of social networking tools on the Internet are like any other school assignment subject to the policies and procedures in the student handbook.
9. Online social networking and the increasing use of Internet sites which contain personal information also increases the opportunity for unwelcome and unsolicited written material, pictures or videos. Harassment in any form, including electronically posted comments, is expressly forbidden.

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