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Technology and Instruction

Acceptable Use of Electronic resources

The Brookfield Board of Education recognizes the potential of digital technology to support learning and enhance instruction. The District recognizes that the principal purposes of such technology in its schools are to enhance the curriculum and instructional program and to provide additional resources for authorized student activities. Information networks allow people to interact with many other people and computer networks. It is the expectation of the Board of Education that all district electronic resources will be used for these purposes in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner.

Plagiarism, breach of copyright, cyberbullying, and obscene activities are expressly forbidden. Obscene activities shall be defined as those which involve violations of age-appropriate, generally accepted social standards for a publicly owned communications vehicle. Intentionally disrupting or degrading network activity and trivial use of electronic resources are similarly forbidden.

The administration shall develop regulations which offer detailed examples of appropriate uses, inappropriate uses and consequences that may be applied for violation of this policy or its regulations. These consequences may include, but are not limited to, suspension or revocation of computer access, network access or network privileges; suspension or expulsion from school; and/or legal action and prosecution by the authorities.

The District reserves the right to restrict or terminate information network access at any time for any reason. The District further reserves the right to monitor network activity in any manner it sees fit in order to attempt to assure acceptable use and to maintain the integrity of the information network. In order that an appropriate level of supervision and restriction may be exercised, students must clearly identify themselves by their given name when using electronic resources

Electronic resources, just like lockers and other storage spaces, are school property. As such, they are subject to periodic inspection. Students are warned that there should be no expectation of privacy in connection with their use of electronic resources and that they should not store or use information which they do not want to bring to the attention of school authorities. Searches of electronic resources aimed at uncovering wrong-doing on the part of specific students shall be conducted in compliance with Board Policy 5145.12 - *Search and Seizure* and relevant federal and state statutes.

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Any electronic devices which are brought into, or connect to, the information networks of the District on or off school grounds, shall be subject to this policy and any related regulation.

This Policy shall be included in all school handbooks, updated annually.

Because technology is rapidly changing, the Superintendent shall review this policy annually and recommend necessary changes, additions or deletions.

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| Cf. - 5114 | - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process |
| 5131 | - Student Behavior |
| 5145.12 | - Search and Seizure |

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