



ELECTRONIC RESOURCES and INTERNET SAFETY

The Mount Vernon School District board of directors recognizes that an effective public education system develops students who are globally aware, civically engaged, and capable of managing their lives and careers. The board also believes that students need to be proficient and safe users of information, media, and technology, including appropriate use of artificial intelligence, to succeed in a digital world.

Electronic Resources

The Mount Vernon School district will use electronic resources as a powerful and compelling means for students to learn core subjects and applied skills in relevant and rigorous ways. It is the district's goal to provide students with rich and ample opportunities to use technology for important purposes in schools just as individuals in workplaces and other real-life settings. The district's technology will enable educators, students, and staff to communicate, learn, share, collaborate and create, to think and solve problems, manage their work, and to take ownership of their lives.

The board directs the superintendent or designee to create strong electronic educational systems that support innovative teaching and learning; to provide appropriate staff development opportunities; to protect the safety of students online through monitoring online activities, educating students about appropriate online behavior including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response; and to develop procedures to support this policy. The superintendent or designee is authorized to develop procedures and acceptable use guidelines for staff and students as to use of district electronic resources, including those that access Internet and social media, and to regulate use of personal electronic resources on district property and related to district activities.

Internet Safety

To help ensure student safety and citizenship in online activities, all students will be educated about Internet safety. This will include appropriate online behavior such as interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and cyberbullying awareness and response.

To promote Internet safety and appropriate online behavior of students and staff as they use electronic resources and access material from the Internet, the superintendent or designee is authorized to develop or adopt Internet safety procedures, acceptable use guidelines, and, for students, related instructional materials for every grade level. The superintendent or designee in evaluating such procedures and instructional materials should consider district electronic resources, community norms, privacy rights, responsible use, and issues of concern with student or staff use of electronic resources.



As a component of district Internet safety measures, all district-owned electronic resources, including computer networks and Wi-Fi, in all district facilities capable of accessing the Internet must use filtering software to prevent access to obscene, racist, hateful, or violent material. However, given the ever-changing nature of the Internet, the district cannot guarantee that a student will never be able to access objectionable material.

Further, when students use the Internet from school facilities for educational purposes, district staff will make a reasonable effort to supervise student access and use of the internet. If material is accessed that violates district policies, procedures or student guidelines for electronic resources or acceptable use, district staff may instruct the person to cease using that material and/or implement sanctions consistent with district policies, procedures, guidelines, or student codes of conduct.

Cross References: Board Policy 2020 Curriculum Development and Adoption
of Instructional Materials
Board Policy 2025 Copyright Compliance
Board Policy 3231 Student Records
Board Policy 3297 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
Board Policy 3241 Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
Board Policy 4040 Public Access to District Records
Board Policy 4400 Election Activities
Board Policy 5281 Disciplinary Action and Discharge

Legal Reference: 18 USC §§2510-2522: Electronic Communication Privacy Act