

Book Policy Manual

Section 800 Operations

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Purpose

The use of the Internet at Springfield School District ("District") is for educational, curriculum-relevant and District business use only. This policy applies to anyone using District Internet facilities or equipment.

For the purposes of this policy, District Internet facilities or equipment include:

- 1. All networks, servers and telecommunications systems maintained or operated by the District.
- 2. All District telephone, cellular phone, voicemail, electronic mail, intercom, facilities, and Internet resources.
- 3. All District-owned or issued hardware devices, such as computers, laptops, telephones, cellular phones, drones, cameras, fax machines, printers, copiers, scanners, etc.
- 4. All web-based and cloud-based storage.
- 5. Web and cloud-based applications provided by the District through a third party.

Authority

The availability of access to electronic information does not imply endorsement by the District of the content, nor does the District guarantee the accuracy of information received. The District shall not be responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged or unavailable when using the network or for any information that is retrieved via the Internet.

The District shall not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet or other network resources. The District shall not be responsible for any damage or loss, including viruses or other electronic attacks, incurred by users while accessing the SSD network with non-District equipment such as cell phones, PDAs, or personal laptops.

The Board declares that computer and network use is a privilege, not a right. The District's computer and network resources are the property of the District. Users shall have no expectation of privacy in anything they create, store, send, receive or display on or over the District's Internet, computers or network resources, including personal files or any use of the District's Internet, computers or network resources. The District reserves the right to monitor, track, and log network access and use; monitor fileserver space utilization by District users; or deny access to prevent unauthorized, inappropriate or illegal activity and may revoke access privileges and/or administer appropriate disciplinary action. The District shall cooperate to the extent legally required with the Internet Service Provider (ISP), local, state and federal officials in any investigation concerning or related to the misuse of the District's Internet, computers and network resources.[1][2][3][4][5]

The Board requires all users to fully comply with this policy and to immediately report any violations or suspicious activities to the Superintendent or designee.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or his/her designee will develop procedures and guidelines that shall govern Internet usage for the District that comply with Public Law 106 554, Section 2763A 335, 'The Children's Internet Protection Act' and 20 U.S. Code 6777. Guidelines shall include disciplinary actions to be taken in case of violation.

The District shall inform staff, students, parents/guardians and other users about this policy through employee and student handbooks, posting on the District website, and by other appropriate methods. A copy of this policy shall be provided to parents/guardians, upon written request. [6]

Users of District networks or District-owned equipment shall, prior to being given access or being issued equipment, sign user agreements acknowledging awareness of the provisions of this policy, and awareness that the District uses monitoring systems to monitor and detect inappropriate use and to track and recover lost or stolen equipment. Student user agreements shall also be signed by a parent/guardian.

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