



September 4, 2012

To: School Board Members  
Dr. Jean Shumate  
Dr. Lloy Schaaf

From: Kevin Plambeck, Director, CTE

Re: Update to District Board Policies to Meet New Requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) for Technology and Electronic Resources.

The Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act added new requirements to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Federal Communications Commission (FCC) guidance clarified the new CIPA requirements related to Internet Safety policies for schools.

Under the new law, school districts must update their Internet Safety policies. These policies must provide:

- The education of minors about appropriate online behavior, which includes interaction with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms.
- Cyberbullying awareness and response.

We have used the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) templates to update our current technology and electronic resources policy and procedures for the policy Stanwood-Camano School District. We present to Superintendent Shumate and the School Board for approval the attached policy and procedures.

Attachments: Proposed Board Policy 2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**To approve the first reading of Board Policy 2022, Technology and Electronic Resources.**

## TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

### ~~ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (K-20 NETWORK)~~

The Stanwood-Camano 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 to succeed in a digital world.

Therefore, the district will use technology 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 use these tools. The district's technology will enable educators and students to communicate, learn, share, collaborate and create; to think and solve problems; to manage their work; and to take ownership of their lives.

The Board of Directors recognizes that the district is connected to a statewide communications system (the K-20 Network), which provides Internet access and interactive video conferencing. This network allows opportunities for students, staff and the educational community to communicate, learn, access and publish information. The Board believes that the resources available through this network and the skills that students will develop in using it are of significant value in the learning process and student success in the future. These opportunities also pose many challenges including, but not limited to, access for all students, age-level appropriateness of material, conservation of resources, security / privacy / confidentiality, and cost of maintaining the system. The district will endeavor to ensure that these concerns are appropriately addressed, but cannot ensure that problems will not arise.

By connecting to this network, the Board intends only to provide a means for educational activities and does not intend to create a first amendment forum for free expression purposes. The district dedicates the property comprising the network, and grants access to it by users, only for the educational activities authorized under this policy and procedures and under the specific limitations contained therein.

**To help ensure student safety and citizenship in online activities, all students will be educated about appropriate behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyber-bullying awareness and response.**

**The superintendent or designee will create strong technology educational systems that support innovative teaching and learning, to provide appropriate staff development opportunities and to develop procedures to support this policy.**

The Board directs the Superintendent to provide training and procedures that encourage the widest possible access to the K-20 network by students, staff and the educational community, while establishing reasonable controls for the lawful, efficient and appropriate use and management of the system.

#### Cross References:

Board Policy 2020	Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials
Board Policy 2025	Copyright Compliance
Board Policy 3207	Prohibition of 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
Public Law 110-385	Protecting Children in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Act

Management Resources:

*Policy News*, February 2012

*Policy News*, June 2008      Electronic Resources

*Policy News*, June 2001      Congress Requires Internet Blocking at School

*Policy News*, August 1998      Permission required to review e-mail