

TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES AND INTERNET SAFETY

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.

Technology and Electronic Resources

The district will develop and use technology and electronic resources as a powerful and compelling means for students to learn core subjects and applied skills in relevant and rigorous ways and for staff to educate them in such areas of need. 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 superintendent or designee will: 1) create strong technology and electronic resources and develop related educational systems that support innovative teaching and learning; 2) provide appropriate staff development opportunities regarding this policy; and 3) 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 technology and electronic resources, including those that access the internet and social media, and to regulate use of personal technology or electronic resources on district property and related to district activities.

Internet Safety

To help ensure student safety and citizenship with technology and electronic resources, all students will be educated about Internet safety. This will include appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

To promote Internet safety and appropriate online behavior of students and staff as they use technology and 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 take into account District technology and electronic resources, community norms, privacy rights, responsible use, and issues of concern with student or staff use of technology and electronic resources.

As a component of district Internet safety measures, all district-owned technology or 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 technology and electronic resources. If material is accessed that violates district policies, procedures or student guidelines for technology and electronic resources or the guidelines for acceptable use, district staff may instruct the student to cease using that material and/or implement sanctions consistent with district policies, procedures, guidelines, or student codes of conduct.

Cross References:

Policy 2020	Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials
Policy 2025	Copyright Compliance
Policy 3207	Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
Policy 4040	Public Access to District Records

Policy 4400 Election Activities
Policy 5281 Disciplinary Action and Discharge

Legal Reference:

18 USC §§ 2510-2522 Electronic Communication Privacy Act
Public Law 110-385 Protecting Children in the 21st 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

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