

Guidelines

Student Access to Networked Information Resources Policy 7540.02

Internet Safety

The Columbus School District will undertake the following measures to promote safer Internet use by students:

1. Install and maintain a network firewall that will do the following:
 - a. Protect the network from computer attacks from outside the district
 - b. Filter Internet access from all computers within the district to prevent access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors.
2. Provide adult supervision whenever students are using the Internet.
3. Students may only use e-mail and chat programs through district-owned and maintained servers. District staff will inspect messages, server logs, and other information when wrong-doing or misuse of the system is suspected.
4. Unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities are prohibited. Violators will face consequences consistent with violations of the Student Code of Conduct.
5. The unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors is prohibited. The Internet and Electronic Mail Permission Form signed by students, and their parents if they are minors, will include an agreement by students not to disclose personal information about themselves when they work on-line.