

WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

Administration Office

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SUBJECT: JANUARY 12, 2026 BOARD POLICY ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICY 6420 *ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC NETWORKS* (ALSO KNOWN AS THE DISTRICT'S ACCEPTABLE USE STANDARDS AUTHORIZATION)

On December 1, 2025, the Policy Committee met to review multiple sections of the Board Policies. In addition, they also review other policies on an annual basis. Included in this annual review is a review and amendment (if necessary) of Board Policy 6420 *Access to Electronic Networks*.

On December 15, 2025, the Board reviewed Policy 6420.

1. **Board Policy 6420 Access to Electronic Networks:**

As an annual requirement for our continued participation in the federal E-rate program, the Board must review and approve Policy 6420, *Access to Electronic Networks*. The Policy Committee recommends a substantive amendment to this policy to include language addressing the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled tools within the District's electronic network. While this inclusion is not currently mandated by law, the Committee identifies it as a necessary best practice that establishes a framework for responsible use and allows the District to monitor the integration of this rapidly evolving technology. To support this policy revision, the Committee has developed and attached a new administrative procedure, 6420R3. This procedure outlines the specific guidelines, parameters, and pedagogical strategies required by the policy.

The Policy Committee engaged in a discussion regarding the integration of AI tools and agreed on a core principle: AI technology must not diminish student critical and creative thinking skills, but rather enhance them. The new policy and administrative procedure are designed to ensure that District staff and students use AI in subtle, strategic, and educationally valuable ways that promote deeper learning and complex problem solving. This policy recommendation is a proactive step to govern emerging technology while ensuring AI serves as a powerful tool to further our educational mission.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this recommendation.