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	<u>The Superintendent or designee shall implement, monitor, and eva-</u> <u>luate electronic media resources for instructional and administrative</u> <u>purposes.</u>
AVAILABILITY OF ACCESS	Access to the District's electronic communications system, including the Internet, shall be made available to students <u>and</u> employees, <u>Board members, and VIPS</u> , primarily for instructional and administrative purposes and in accordance with administrative regulations. Limited personal use of the system shall be permitted if the use:
	1. Imposes no tangible cost on the District;
	2. Does not unduly burden the District's computer or network re- sources; and
	3. Has no adverse effect on an employee's job performance or on a student's academic performance.
USE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	Access to the District's electronic communications system, including the Internet, may shall be made available granted to members of the public also, in accordance with administrative regulations. Such use may shall be permitted so long as the use:
	1. Imposes no tangible cost on the District; and
	2. Does not unduly burden the District's computer or network re- sources.
	Members of the public who are granted access shall be required to comply with District rules, regulations, and policies governing appropriate use of the system. [See CQ(REGULATION) and CQ (Exhibit)(D)]
ACCEPTABLE USE	The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement administra- tive regulations, guidelines, and user agreements, consistent with the pur- poses and mission of the District and with law and policy. <u>governing</u> <u>copyright. [See EFE]</u>
	Access to the District's electronic communications system is a privilege, not a right. All users shall be required to acknowledge receipt and understanding of all administrative regulations governing use of the system and shall agree in writing to allow monitoring of their use and compliance to comply with such regulations and guidelines. Noncompliance may result in suspension of access or termination of privileges and other disciplinary action consistent with District policies. [See DH, FN series, FO series, and the Student Code of Conduct] Violations of law may result in criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action by the District.
INTERNET SAFETY	The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement an Internet safety plan to:
	1. Control students' access to inappropriate materials, as well as to materials that are harmful to minors:

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	2. Ensure student safety and security when using electronic communications;
	3. Prevent unauthorized access, including hacking and other unlawfu activities; and
	4. Restrict unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personally identifiable information regarding students; and
	5. <u>Educate students about cyberbullying awareness and response</u> <u>and about appropriate online behavior, including interacting</u> <u>with other individuals on social networking Web sites and in</u> <u>chat rooms.</u>
FILTERING	Each District computer with Internet access shall have a filtering device or software that blocks access to visual depictions that are obscene, por nographic, inappropriate for students, or harmful to minors, as defined by the federal Children's Internet Protection Act and as determined by the Superintendent or designee.
	The Superintendent or designee shall enforce the use of such filtering devices. Upon approval from the Superintendent or designee, an administrator, supervisor, or other authorized person may disable the filtering device for bona fide research or other lawful purpose. District staff must use the District's electronic communication system, <u>ECISD provided</u> internet connections for computers. Personal internet connections are prohibited.
MONITORED USE	Electronic mail transmissions and other use of the electronic communica- tions system by students and employees shall not be considered private Designated District staff shall be authorized to monitor such communica- tion at any time to ensure appropriate use.
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS	Students shall retain all rights to work they create using the District's electronic communications system.
	As agents of the District, employees shall have limited rights to work they create using the District's electronic communications system. The Dis- trict shall retain the right to use any product created in the scope of a per- son's employment even when the author is no longer an employee of the District.
DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY	The District shall not be liable for users' inappropriate use of electronic communication resources, <u>or</u> violations of copyright restrictions or other laws, users' mistakes or negligence, <u>or and</u> costs incurred by users. The District shall not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy, age appropriateness, or usability of any information found on the Internet.

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