



Electronic Resources Policy Series: 4000

Policy No. 4202

Definitions:

Network Services: Includes, but is not limited to, wired and wireless computers, devices and peripheral equipment, files and storage, e-mail and internet content. This also includes personal devices connected to Eduroam or other district networks.

Purpose of the Policy:

The Provo City School District Board of Education 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 users of information, media and technology to succeed in a digital world.

Therefore, Provo City School District will use electronic resources as a powerful and compelling means for students to learn core subjects and applied skills in relevant, responsible and rigorous ways. It is the district's goal to provide students with rich and ample opportunities to use technology in schools just as individuals in workplaces and other real-life settings. The district's technology will enable educators and students to communicate, learn, share, collaborate and create, think and solve problems, manage their work and take ownership of their lives.

Overview and Process

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

Provo City School District provides Network Services to its students and employees. "Network Services" includes all computer hardware, network and Internet services and associated

software. The District firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on the internet far outweigh the risks of users obtaining material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the district. Access to Network Services will be provided to students and staff who are expected to act in a considerate and responsible manner.

Provo City School District will restrict access to internet or online sites that contain obscene material (see [Policy 4022 Procedure 1](#)). The District will utilize internet content filtering solutions and other tools to monitor access and block harmful content.

Provo City School District reserves the right at its discretion to ~~accesses and monitors~~ (with or without notice) use of any computer system connected to the district network. The reasons may include investigating or resolving network or communications problems, preventing system misuse, and ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requests, and enforcing Provo City School District's acceptable use standards.

Staff and student disciplinary action may be taken if Provo City School District learns of inappropriate use of computing systems or networks. The board directs the superintendent to create strong electronic educational systems that support innovative teaching and learning, provide appropriate staff development opportunities and develop procedures to support this policy.

Schools shall provide, within the first 45 days of school, a school-wide or in-classroom training to students and employees that that cover:

- Contents of the policy
- Importance of digital citizenship
- Conduct and discipline related to violation of the policy
- Benefits of connecting to the internet and utilizing the school's internet filters while on school premises

Complaints regarding the policy, enforcement of the policy or observed behavior can be made through the [Public Education Hotline](#).

This policy shall be reviewed in an open meeting at least every three years.

Legal References

[Utah Code § 53G-7-S1003](#)
[Utah Admin Rule R277-495](#)

Board Approved:

December 11, 2012