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SPS Technology, Telecommunications, and Internet Acceptable Use Policy (Policy 6400)

SUMMARY FOR STUDENTS

The purpose of the Technology, Telecommunications, and Internet Acceptable Use Policy is to provide guidelines, rules and code of conduct for the use of technology and the internet in Spokane Public Schools. This policy refers to technology, telecommunications, and internet, including but not limited to, the use of computers, mobile devices, networks, and other district technology and to the sending/receiving electronic or digital information via e-mail, voice-mail, blogs, internet, and any other means.

- Internet use is for the purpose of supporting the educational needs and teaching and learning requirements of the district's educational program and is furnished to students as a privilege, not a right or entitlement. The district will impose discipline on those who abuse this privilege.
- The district will provide students with internet safety educational opportunities about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking, cyberbullying awareness and response, and digital citizenship through classroom instruction as well as electronic and printed resources.
- Parents or guardians will have the opportunity to elect to prevent their children from having access to the internet.
- The district regularly monitors its computer systems and networks, including monitoring web sites visited by students, reviewing material downloaded from or uploaded to the internet by users, reviewing e-mail and instant messages sent and received by users, monitoring the content and use of blogs and wikis, and reviewing any files or information stored on district computers or network servers or storage devices.
- Students should not have an expectation of privacy in anything they create, store, send or receive on district computers or networks. The district is also making every reasonable attempt to limit access to inappropriate material by using an internet filtering system and encouraging student personal responsibility and accountability.
- Students are ultimately responsible for his/her actions in accessing and using the internet.
- Unethical and unacceptable behaviors, inappropriate use of district computers, systems, networks and technology resources, and any violation of this Acceptable Use Policy shall be cause for taking disciplinary measures consistent with Policy 3200, Student Rights and Responsibilities. Unethical and unacceptable behaviors and inappropriate use of district computers, systems, networks and technology resources includes, but is not limited to:
    - Transmitting or receiving any material in violation of any federal or state regulation.
    - Accessing any information that does not have educational value or interferes with the educational process.
    - Using district resources for illegal, inappropriate, or obscene or sexual purposes or in support of such activities.
    - Using district technology resources to bully, intimidate or harass others or discriminate against others in violation of Spokane Public Schools policies.
    - Intentionally disrupting network traffic, crashing the network or systems, or degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance.
    - Using computing and network resources to transmit or receive material for commercial or personal activities.
    - Stealing or attempting to steal data, equipment, network resources, intellectual property or any other technology related resources.
    - Using district technology resources, personal technology resources or the internet to cheat or plagiarize.
    - Using any personal technology, including but not limited to, PCs, laptops, cell phones, music/video/game players or other electronic devices, in conjunction with district technology that might be considered a violation of these rules.
    - Forging or using an e-mail account assigned to another user, posting unauthorized, anonymous or inappropriate messages.
    - Gaining or seeking to gain unauthorized access of district files or data or other's files or data, or vandalizing or altering the files or data of another user.
    - Gaining or seeking to gain unauthorized access to resources, services, or systems.
    - Sharing their own account or password information with another user or allowing another to use their account to access district technology.
    - Using the account of another user to access a district technology for which that individual does not have appropriate authorization.
    - Attaining unauthorized access to information or possessing or disclosing information in violation of federal or state regulation.
    - Committing software piracy, including but not limited to the downloading or installation or use of software applications, games, video, audio, graphical or textual content to which the district does not have a valid license or authorization. Downloading or uploading personal software or games shall not be permitted.
    - Hacking, cracking, vandalizing, purposefully degrading, destroying or tampering with any district technology, data, or information.
    - Attempting to defeat or bypass the district's internet filter to avoid being blocked from inappropriate content or to conceal internet activity.
    - Attempting to defeat, disable or bypass any security protocols, authentication services, firewalls, content filters, PC or server system security settings or parameters, network intrusion detections services or any other technology that manages and secures the network.

Full version of Policy 6400: Technology, Telecommunications, and Internet Acceptable Use Policy can be found at http://webs.spokaneschools.org/polpro/