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INTERNET, ELECTRONIC MAIL, AND COMPUTER ACCESS BY AUTHORIZED USERS.

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**PURPOSE:**

This policy sets forth the standards governing Chicago Public Schools' authorized users' access of information through the Internet, the Chicago to local, state, national and international sources and electronic mail access. This policy also sets forth the Chicago Public Schools' Internet and computer access and use of these resources.

**B. Disclaimer**

The Online Directory is a collection of thousands of worldwide networks and organizations that contain millions of pages of information. Some pages contain information that is sexually explicit and inappropriate material, included, but not limited to the following categories:

- Adult Content
- Hate Speech
- Violence
- Weapons
- Racism
- Terrorism
- Pornography
- Illegal Activities
- Unethical Practices
- Unethical Information
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Even though we have taken every precaution to ensure that our directory is safe and secure, we cannot be held responsible for any damage or loss of data that may occur as a result of using our directory.

At least some of the material will be used in the directory. If you have any questions, please contact us at [redacted].

TABLE USES

A. ACCEPTABLE USES

Users are to conduct themselves in a professional manner, as representatives of the Chicago Public Schools. Users are to respect privacy and are not to represent themselves as another individual or organization. The use of the Internet, Intranet, computer access, and electronic mail for non-work-related purposes is prohibited, with the following exceptions:

- 1. Users may access appropriate technologies related to job-related functions, such as effective communications with schools, central service center departments, offices, the public and non-government entities, and to be used in a non-work-related manner for research or related information and to inform the public about authorized programs and services.

Materials including Public Domain materials may be downloaded and used using the network as long as these materials are related to business functions. Users may distribute authorized materials in the Public Domain. The user assumes all responsibility regarding the determination of whether the materials are in the Public Domain; further, the user assumes a responsibility regarding his or her decision to place unauthorized materials in the Public Domain. The Board of Education is not liable for copyright violations that may occur.

4. Due to systemwide standardization, users may not be able to download stand-alone applications from the Internet.

Some materials on the global Internet are termed "Shareware." These materials may be downloaded and used, but they are copyrighted materials. The manufacturer usually gives permission to use the material for examination. If users choose to continue the download under other requests that the user register his/her name and use these materials, the user assumes responsibility for all license fees charged for the utilization of Shareware materials. The Board of Education is not liable for license fees related to the use of Shareware materials.

B. UNACCEPTABLE USES

Unacceptable uses of the Internet, Intranet, computer access, and electronic mail are as follows:

- 1. No outgoing message on the Internet, Intranet, or any other network may quote policies, Board Rules, procedures, documents published by the Chicago Public Schools, or other official sources. Non-work-related uses including but not limited to games, wagering, gambling, junk mail, chain letters, jokes, private business affairs, fundraisers, political lobbying, or religious activities are prohibited.

the use of weapons or devices

injury, harassment, or which describe or promote the associated with terrorist activities, or which is likely to or intended to incite violence, is prohibited.

4. Accessing information which may contain sexually explicit images or information

standards for use of a publicly owned and operated communication vehicle, or which could be considered to be harassing or

and to men, national origin, racial status, age, disability, religion, ancestry, parental status, sex, sexual preference, marital status, or marital status.

lawful source of income is prohibited.

5. For the purpose of

purpose of infiltrating a computer system without authorization or for damaging or

altering without authorization the software components of a computer or computer

system is prohibited.

6. Seeking to gain unauthorized access to information sources including information obtained in violation of the Illinois School Student Records Act (105 ILCS 10/1) is prohibited.

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7. Destruction, alteration, dissemination, or unauthorized access to or interference with the integrity of critical computer-based information and/or

information resources, without authorization, is prohibited. Interference with the privacy

of subjects of the information resources, without authorization, is prohibited.

8. Providing access to unauthorized individuals is prohibited.

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9. Use of copyright or proprietary information without permission is prohibited. As provided by federal law and international treaties, copyright



The Chicago Public Schools has the right to monitor and log any and all aspects of its computer system including, but not limited to, monitoring internet sites visited by users, monitoring chat sessions sent and received by users, monitoring file downloads, and all communications.

The Chicago Public Schools has the right to monitor Internet use to ensure that these resources are being used for business purposes consistent with this policy.

When inappropriate use is determined by the supervisor of an authorized user, the supervisor will notify in writing the Chief Information Technology Officer of the Chicago Public Schools, who is authorized to terminate the user's access privileges. An employee may appeal this decision through discipline procedures for employees in Board Report 95-1025-PO1 and a parent- or consultant may appeal this decision directly to his or her supervisor; and the parent- or community-volunteer may appeal this decision directly to the school principal.

Inappropriate use of these resources in violation of this policy may subject the user to corrective action consistent with Chicago Public Schools policies and procedures. Inappropriate use of these resources may result in the loss of access to these resources and may result in the loss of access to these resources up to and including discharge and prosecution.

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