

INTERNET SAFETY

It is the policy of the Bethlehem Central School District (the District) to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2001 and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act of 2008 (collectively, the "Internet Safety Laws").

The District recognizes that the Internet Safety Laws require the District to undertake reasonable efforts to:

- Block or filter access to certain material, including obscene pictures, child pornography, and other material harmful to minors;
- Monitor online activities of minors; and
- Educate minors concerning appropriate online behavior.

In addition, all use of District Technology to access the Internet must comply with the District's Technology Resources and Data Management Policy and Regulation [Policy # 8630 and 8630-R] and Acceptable Use Policy and Regulation [Policy # 4526 and Policy # 4526-R].

As set forth in the District's Acceptable Use Regulation, the District cannot guarantee that technological measures will prevent minors from accessing inappropriate content. The District will educate students about appropriate online behavior. Parents and/or guardians are expected to supervise and monitor students' use of the Internet when children are using District Technology outside of school.

The superintendent of the District is hereby directed to establish a Regulation setting forth appropriate procedures and procure appropriate technology to comply with the Internet Safety Laws and the District's Acceptable Use Policy. These procedures and technology shall include:

- Acquisition and deployment of Internet blocking and/or filtering software;
- Monitoring of online activities facilitated by District Technology;
- Restrictions on disclosure of students' personal information online;
- Restrictions on unauthorized online access by students, including hacking and other unlawful activities; and
- Education and training on safety and security of minors relating to the use of email, chat rooms, and other online communications.
- Consistent with the Internet Safety Laws, the superintendent's Regulation also shall establish appropriate procedures to allow exceptions to this Internet Safety Policy for adults conducting bona fide research or other lawful activities.

Cross-Reference: 1130.1 Social Media Guidelines
 4526 Acceptable Use
 8630 Technology Resources and Data Management
 8635 Information Security Breach & Notification

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