

Title: Appropriate Use of Internet by Students

New Policy Language:

Internet access is a vital part of the Council Bluffs Community School District's instructional program. Access to the Internet will be available to all students. The District will make good-faith efforts to promote the safe, ethical, responsible, and legal use of the Internet, support the effective use of the Internet for educational purposes, protect students against potential dangers in their use of the Internet, and ensure accountability compliance with all legal requirements, including the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

All Students will be able to access the District-provided Internet connection. Student accounts and passwords for District systems will be issued to students. Student account information will remain private. Upon request, parents may have access to their student's account credentials .

Student use of the District's Internet connection will be governed by this policy, related District and school regulations, and the student code of conduct. In the event of an allegation that a student has violated the Appropriate Use Guidelines detailed in 617.1, the student may be subject to the Student Code of Conduct, Policy 512.

Users have no privacy expectations in the contents of their personal files and records of their online activity while connected to the Internet via the District's data network.

The District will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation involving or relating to any unlawful activities conducted while connected to the Internet via the District's data network.

The District will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the District's data network or Internet connection. Users or parents of users will indemnify and hold the District harmless from any losses sustained as the result of misuse of the District's data network and Internet connection by that user.

Parents/guardians may request in writing that their child's connection to the Internet be restricted. Some educational content, resources, and assessments are only available via the District's

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data network and Internet connection. Students who are restricted will still use those educational resources deemed essential by the District. Parents or guardians who wish to further restrict access to District-required online resources should contact the Chief Technology Officer.

The District will implement a “technology protection measure” – generally referred to as an Internet filter or content filter – to block access to visual depictions deemed as obscene, pornographic, or harmful to minors. Digital citizenship standards that includes safe, ethical, and responsible use of the Internet will be defined and taught within core curriculum.

Cross References:

403, 425, 511, 520, 520.1, 604, 615, 616, 616.1;
Code of Conduct

Legal References:

Iowa Code Chapter 279.8, Children’s
Internet Protection Act, 47U.S.C, Chapter
254(h), (1)

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