Electronic Communications
Board of Education
Wrightstown Community School District

Wrightstown Community School District believes that providing controlled access to the district network, e-mail, Internet, computers and other electronic resources enhances the curriculum and learning opportunities for all students and staff. Safety and appropriate use of these resources are key to the effective use of technology.

INTERNET AND E-MAIL ACCESS

The District Internet and e-mail system is not a public access service or a public forum. Users should have no expectation of privacy when using the District's computer network, hardware and/or software. The District retains the right to restrict use of the overall system and to monitor, access, manipulate, remove and/or disclose any message, data, or document created, archived, stored, received; deleted, looked at or sent with the District's computer resources, without prior notice to users of the system. Established procedures for acceptable use of District computer resources are published in the Parent-Student and Staff Handbooks and outlined on the Acceptable Use Form for staff and students. The Board of Education grants the district administrator or the designee(s) the discretion to determine whether unacceptable use of the District's network, hardware, and/or software has occurred.

SAFETY

The District has approved privacy and communication safety requirements. The District uses a technology protection measure (Internet filter) on its computer network to protect against access to inappropriate material. However, the District's use of an Internet filter is no guarantee that users of the District's computer network will be completely protected from accessing inappropriate material. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the user to avoid accessing or disseminating inappropriate material over the District's computer network. The District encourages parents to have a discussion with their child about family values and expectations regarding their child's activities while on the Internet.

STUDENT USERS

 In addition to the above, the following provisions apply specifically to students:

- Internet use is a privilege, not a right. As with all privileges, abuses will not be tolerated.
- Failure to abide by this policy and/or the rules/guidelines published in the Student-Parent Handbook may result in revocation of the use privileges, without notice, as well as disciplinary actions, including suspension or expulsion.
- The Board of Education grants the District Administrator or designee(s) the discretion to determine whether material is appropriate or inappropriate based on the content of the material and the intended use of the material.

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSIBILITY
All student handbooks will include information about acceptable computer usage and filtering systems. The District will notify parents and legal guardians about the District system and the school board policy and District regulation governing its use. Parents may request that their child not have any access to the Internet by signing and returning to the district the Parental Request to Restrict Access.

STAFF USERS
In addition to the general provisions above, the following provisions apply specifically to staff:
- Internet and e-mail services are public and not private in nature and the District reserves the right to monitor, access, record and alter employee's Internet activities and e-mail content.
- Staff is prohibited from accessing pornographic sites on the Internet or viewing, displaying, or publishing images of a sexual nature or immoral content on computer monitors or the Internet system. Penalties for such use may include criminal sanctions under the law.
- Violation of this policy and/or the rules/guidelines published in the Staff Handbook may result in disciplinary action including suspension and termination.

WHS LIBRARY iCENTER
Students may possess electronic communication devices (ECD), for educational purposes, while working in the Wrightstown High School Library iCenter. These may include, but are not limited to laptops, iPods, iPads, netbooks, mp3 players, and tablet devices. Any devices not specifically listed need prior approval from the District Technology Coordination or iCenter Instructor.

These devices may not disrupt the educational process in the school, endanger the health or safety of any student or staff member, invade the rights of others, or involve illegal or prohibited conduct of any kind.

With these devices, students will be provided access to the district's student wireless filtered network. This access is to be used for educational purposes only. All ECD and their uses must follow District policies regarding Internet safety and acceptable use. The ECD's must have virus protection and be free from viruses or other files that may affect the district. The ECD user accepts full responsibility for set up, maintenance, safety, security, loss or damage to the ECD while in the iCenter.

References: Wrightstown School District Acceptable Use Waiver for Parents and Students; Wrightstown School District Acceptable Use Waiver for Staff

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