

**WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

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ACCESS TO AND USE OF NETWORKED INFORMATION RESOURCES

In a free and democratic society, access to information is a fundamental right of citizenship. The School Board supports access by students and staff to rich information resources along with the development by staff of appropriate skills to analyze and evaluate such resources.

Telecommunications, because they may lead to any publicly available fileservers in the world, opens classrooms to electronic information resources that may not have been screened by educators for use by students of various ages. Students and staff are asked to use prudent judgment when accessing political and lobbying sources, chat rooms, electronic mail (e-mail), news user groups and other sites. Students and staff are required by this policy to avoid threatening, hate-related, discriminatory and pornographic sites. Resources need to be appropriate to curriculum and instruction standards and practices that are consistent with district-adopted goals and that are congruent with the district's high standards of learning and teaching.

Electronic information research skills are now fundamental to learning and teaching. The Board expects that staff will blend thoughtful use of electronic information throughout the curriculum and that the staff will provide guidance and instruction to students in its appropriate use.

Students and staff are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or elsewhere on school property. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school district rules for behavior and communication apply. The network is provided for students and staff to conduct research and to communicate with others. Access to network services will be provided to students and staff who use them in a considerate and responsible manner.

Independent use of telecommunications and electronic information resources will be permitted to all students and staff; they are required by this policy to use the medium in appropriate ways.

Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to, using district-owned and operated hardware, software, and network systems for private profit-making ventures, intentionally disrupting the system or another system through hacking, introducing viruses or other computer programming routines that are intended to damage, detrimentally interfere with any system, data, or personal information, or assisting in or permitting any person to engage in any unlawful or inappropriate use or to access pornographic web sites.

District teachers and supervisors will routinely monitor users' online activities to ensure compliance with this policy and applicable law. When the district becomes aware of any violation of this policy or any unlawful or inappropriate activity, the district will exercise its right to take remedial action, up to and including termination of the user's use of the services, and/or suspension or expulsion of students from the school, and/or termination of employment of staff from the district, and/or remedy at law if laws have been violated or material damage or loss has occurred to the district.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 30. 765
ORS 133. 739
ORS 163. 435
ORS 163. 345
ORS 164. 365
ORS 167. 060
ORS 167. 065
ORS 167. 070
ORS 167. 080
ORS 167. 087

ORS 167. 090
ORS 167. 095
ORS Chapter 192
ORS 332. 107
ORS 336. 222
ORS 339. 250
ORS 339. 260
ORS 339. 270

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OAR 584-020- 0040
OAR 584-020- 0041

Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. Sections 254 (h) and (l); 47 CFR Section 54.520 (2001)..
Copyrights, Title 17, as amended, United States Code; 19 CFR Part 133 (2000)..
Oregon Attorney General's Public Records and Meetings Manual, pp. 24-26, Appendix H, Department of Justice (2001)..
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 U.S.C. Sections 7101-7117.
Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 U.S.C. Sections 701-107; 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F.
Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 812, schedules I through V, 21 CFR 1308.11-1308.15 (2000)..
Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, P.L. 101-226, 103 Stat. 1928.
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101-12213; 29 CFR Part 1630 (2000); 28 CFR Part 35 (2000)..
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99 (2000)..
Oregon Government Standards and Practices Commission, Advisory Opinion No. 98A-1003 (July 9, 1998).
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, Title II, Section 2441.