

POLICY 6633
STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Kenosha Unified School District expects students to use technology in ways that promote a productive educational environment. For the purpose of this policy, technology shall be defined as district and student-owned electronic devices, digital resources, private and public networks and electronic communication systems managed within Kenosha Unified School District. Primary responsibility for appropriate use of technology resides with students.

It is the duty of the district to maintain system integrity and ensure that the network is used in a responsible manner. While the district respects the privacy and security needs of all individuals, authorized district representatives may review, audit, intercept, access and/or disclose all communications created, received or sent using district technology. All communication, including text and media files, may be disclosed to authorized third parties (e.g. law enforcement, legal counsel, etc.) without prior consent of the sender or receiver.

In accordance with requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), technology protection measures shall be used, to the extent practical, to promote the safety and security of users. The district makes every reasonable effort to filter inappropriate content with the understanding that digital information is dynamic, which makes it challenging to predict or reliably control what information students may encounter.

The district values digital citizens who safely and responsibly use digital tools while recognizing the rights, responsibilities and opportunities of living in an interconnected digital world. Aligned with the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, Kenosha Unified School District will reinforce the instructional practices related to internet safety, appropriate online behavior, social networking and cyberbullying.

Review and agreement of this policy is an annual expectation for students and parents/guardians.

LEGAL REF.: Wisconsin Statutes

Sections 118.258 [Electronic communication devices prohibited]
120.12(1) [School Board duties]
120.13 [School Board powers]
943.70 [Computer crimes]
947.0125 [Unlawful use of computerized communication systems] U.S.C. 17, Federal Copyright Law [Use of copyrighted materials]

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Children's Internet Protection Act [Online safety]
Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act [Online
safety] Children's Online Privacy Act [Online privacy
protection]
Broadband Data Improvement Act, Title II, Section 215 [Internet
safe use] Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act

CROSS REF.: 3531.1, Copyrighted Materials
5111, Anti-Bullying/Harassment/Hate
5430, Student Conduct and Discipline
5437, Threats/Assaults
5473, Suspensions
5474, Student Expulsion
5475, Discipline of Students with Exceptional Educational Needs
6120, Core Values [TR1]
6470, Student Records
6600, Instructional Resources
6610, Selection of Instructional Materials
6620, Library Resources
6634, Assistive Technology

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General school rules for behavior and communications apply, including the district's anti-harassment policies. Students shall abide by district guidelines governing acceptable use of technology. Misuse of technology may result in loss of access privileges and disciplinary action may be taken. Appropriate legal action may also be taken against students performing illegal activities using technology.

Guidelines for acceptable technology use:

- Students shall not use any technology in a manner that poses a threat to academic integrity, disrupts the learning environment or violates the privacy right of others. Students shall not send, share, view or possess pictures, text messages, emails or other material depicting sexually explicit or offensive content in electronic communications of any other form using technology while on school grounds, at school sponsored events, or on school buses or vehicles provided by the district. Technology used to “bully” or post derogatory statements about district students or staff via text message, social media or other electronic platforms may result in disciplinary action.
- Students must abide by all applicable copyright and licensing laws when using technology within the district.
- Students shall maintain confidentiality of their usernames and passwords and shall not utilize usernames and passwords of others.
- All school related electronic publications are subject to approval and ongoing review by staff. All publications should reflect the mission and cores values of the school and district.
- Students shall not breach or disable network security mechanisms or compromise network stability or security in any way. Students shall refrain from utilizing proxy gateways to bypass monitoring or filtering.
- Students are responsible for reporting any inappropriate media or resources they encounter, regardless of who owns the technology involved.
- Students shall not use any technology for any purpose that would violate law or Board policies.
- Students shall not use district technology resources for personal commercial activities not related to instruction. Personal purchase or sale of products or services is prohibited.

Additional guidelines specific to the use of student technology:

- Each user is responsible for his/her personal technology and should use it responsibly and appropriately.
- The district is not responsible for damaged, lost or stolen student-owned technology.
- The district is not responsible for the support or security of student-owned technology.

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- Staff may grant permission to use student-owned technology in the classroom in accordance with communicated instructional guidelines and must adhere to the guidelines set forth in this policy/rule.
- Student-owned technology must not interfere with the operation and integrity of the district's internal wired and wireless network.
- Student-owned technology may be used before and after school, including while utilizing district transportation. High School students may use student owned technology during their designated lunch period.
- In emergency situations where the safety of students, staff, chaperones or bus drivers are in jeopardy, use of student-owned technology is permitted.
- Student-owned technology should be charged prior to school and run on battery power while at school.
- Student-owned technology may only be used to connect to the district infrastructure when authorized.