

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. Notwithstanding reasonable efforts at prevention, there is still a risk that a student may, at some time, be exposed to particular content or participate in particular activities or communications that the District would consider harmful, deceptive, or otherwise inappropriate, or that a parent or guardian may find objectionable. Parents/Guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using the Internet.

Filtering, blocking or other protective technologies will also be used to decrease the likelihood that student users of the District systems and equipment might access materials or communications, other than visual depictions, that are inappropriate for students. KUSD invests multiple resources with regards to current internet and network filtering technologies, adjusting filter rules to best serve the users in a safe and appropriate manner.

For technology tools, including online interaction, KUSD may act as the authorizer only for educationally valid and appropriate online resources. Student under the age of 13 may be asked to create user accounts on digital applications for educational purposes as they relate to classroom instruction. The account creation will be under the direction or supervision of the classroom teacher. Student information required to create such an account is typically limited to school email address, user name, or birthdate for age verification. No other personal information will be shared with these digital applications.

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, such as:

- Safety and security while using email, chat rooms, social media, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

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- Dangers inherent with the online disclosure of personally identifiable information.
- Consequences of unauthorized access (e.g., "hacking", "harvesting", digital piracy", "data mining", cyberbullying, etc.) and other unlawful or inappropriate activities by students online.
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personally identifiable information regarding minors.

Review and agreement of this Student Acceptable Use 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]

Children's Internet Protection Act [Online safety]  
Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act [Online safety]  
Children's Online Privacy Protection Act [Online privacy protection]  
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act [FERPA]  
Broadband Data Improvement Act Title II, Section 215 [Internet safe use]  
Protecting Children in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act

CROSS REF.: 3531.1, Copyrighted Materials

4226, Staff Technology Acceptable Use  
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  
6100, Mission, Vision, Core Values and Strategic Goals  
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 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 core 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.
- 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.
- In emergency situations where the safety of students, staff, chaperones or bus drivers are in jeopardy, use of student-owned technology is permitted.
- Students will refrain from use of peer-to-peer sharing for non-educational purposes.