

Instruction

Access to Electronic Networks

Electronic networks, including the Internet, are a part of SASED/member districts' instructional program and serve to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The Executive Director shall develop an implementation plan for this policy and appoint system administrator(s).

SASED/member districts are not responsible for any information that may be lost or damaged, or become unavailable when using the network, or for any information that is retrieved or transmitted via the Internet. Furthermore, SASED/member districts will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

Curriculum

The use of SASED/member districts' electronic networks shall: (1) be consistent with the curriculum adopted by SASED/member districts as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the students, and (2) comply with the selection criteria for instructional materials and library-media center materials. As required by federal law and Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*, students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including but not limited to: (1) interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and (2) cyberbullying awareness and response. Staff members may, consistent with the Executive Director's implementation plan, use the Internet throughout the curriculum.

SASED/member districts' electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use.

Acceptable Use

All use of the SASED/member districts' electronic network must be: (1) in support of education and/or research, and be in furtherance of the goals stated herein, or (2) for a legitimate school business purpose. Use is a privilege, not a right. Students and staff members have no expectation of privacy in any material that is stored, transmitted, or received via SASED/member districts' electronic network or SASED/member districts' computers. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using electronic networks. SASED/member districts' *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* contains the appropriate uses, ethics, and protocol. Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account but not erased, may be monitored or read by school officials.

Internet Safety

Technology protection measures shall be used on each SASED/member district computer with Internet access. They shall include a filtering device that protects against Internet access by both adults and minors to visual depictions that are: (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3) harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by federal law and as determined by the Executive Director or designee. The Executive Director or designee shall enforce the use of such filtering devices. An administrator, supervisor, or other authorized person may disable the filtering device for bona fide research or other lawful purpose, provided the person receives prior permission from the Executive Director or system administrator. The Executive Director or designee shall include measures in this policy's implementation plan to address the following:

1. Ensure staff supervision of student access to online electronic networks,
2. Restrict student access to inappropriate matter as well as restricting access to harmful materials,

3. Ensure student and staff privacy, safety, and security when using electronic communications,
4. Restrict unauthorized access, including “hacking” and other unlawful activities, and
5. Restrict unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information, such as, names and addresses.

Authorization for Electronic Network Access

Each staff member must sign SASSED and the host member districts’ *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* as a condition for using SASSED/member districts’ electronic network. Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign both *Authorizations* before being granted unsupervised use.

All users of SASSED/member districts’ computers and means of Internet access shall maintain the confidentiality of student records. Reasonable measures to protect against unreasonable access shall be taken before confidential student information is loaded onto the network.

The failure of any student or staff member to follow the terms of either the SASSED or host district *Authorization for Electronic Network Access*, or this policy, will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action up to and including expulsion (students) or dismissal (employees) and appropriate legal action.

LEGAL REF.: No Child Left Behind Act, 20 U.S.C. §6777.
Children’s Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §254(h) and (l).
Enhances Education Through Technology, 20 U.S.C §6751 et seq.
47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart F, Universal Service Support for Schools and Libraries.
720 ILCS 135/0.01.

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:170 (Copyright), 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Discipline), 7:310 (Publications)

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