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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 199
Inver Grove Heights Community Schools
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NETWORK/INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE BY STAFF AND STUDENTS POLICY

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set forth policy and guidelines for access to the school district technology systems, acceptable and safe use of the Internet, digital communications and school district technologies.

II. General Statement of Policy

A. District 199 considers its own stated educational mission, goals, and objectives when making decisions regarding student and employee access to the School District technology system and the Internet, including digital communications. Electronic and digital information research skills are fundamental to preparation of citizens and future employees. Access to the School District systems and to the Internet enables students and employees to explore thousands of libraries, databases, bulletin boards, and other resources while engaging with people around the world.

District 199 expects that faculty will blend thoughtful use of the school district technology systems and the Internet throughout the curriculum and will provide guidance and instruction to students in their use. Users are expected to use Internet access through the district system to further educational and professional goals consistent with the mission of the School District and school policies. Uses which might be acceptable on a user's private personal account on another system may not be acceptable on the District limited-purpose network and should not be presumed to be.

Use of the District's network/Internet resources is intended only for educational and informational purposes, such as research, professional development, instruction, collaborative education projects, and dissemination of District information. Use of network/Internet resources must support the district curriculum and enhance student learning opportunities and/or support accurate and appropriate communication of District information. Instructional Materials Selection and Production Policy and prescribe the identification process for instructional materials, including electronic resources.

- B. Use of the District network/Internet resources for personal gain or profit is not permitted. Personal web pages, personal e-mail accounts and emails regarding personal business may not reside on the District's network.
- C. All e-mail messages that are sent and/or received on the District network are considered property of the District.
- D. Use of District network/Internet including electronic communication by staff to advocate, directly or indirectly, for or against a ballot proposition and/or the election of any person to any office is not permitted. Only those staff authorized by the Superintendent may express the District's position on pending legislation or other policy matters.
- E. The District will follow required state and federal mandates related to Internet filtering within specific timelines.

III. Privileges and Responsibilities

Use of the school district system and access to the use of the Internet including electronic communication is a privilege, not a right, used within District policy 524.

Legal References: 15 U.S.C. § 6501 et seq. – Children's Online Privacy Protection Act
 17 U.S.C. § 101 et. seq. – Copyrights
 20 U.S.C. § 6751 et seq. – Enhancing Education through Technology Act of 2001
 47 U.S.C. § 254 - Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000 (CIPA)
 47 C.F.R. § 54.520 - FCC rules implementing CIPA
 Minn. Stat. § 121A.0695 – School Board Policy; Prohibiting Intimidation and Bullying
 Minn. Stat. § 125B.15 – Internet Access for Students
 Minn. Stat. § 125B.26 – Telecommunications/Internet Access Equity Act
Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Cmty. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503, 89 S. Ct. 733, 21 L.Ed.2d 731 (1969)
United States v. Amer. Library Assoc., 539 U.S. 194, 123 S. Ct. 2297, 56 L.Ed.2d 221 (2003)
Doninger v. Niehoff, 527 F.3d41 (2nd Cir. 2008)
Layshock v. Hermitage Sch. Dist., 412 F. Supp. 2d 502 (W.D. Pa. 2006)
M.T. v. Cent. York Sch. Dist., 937 A.2d538 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2007)
J.S. v. Bethlehem Area Sch. Dist., 807 A.2d 847 (Pa. 2002)

Cross References: Policy 403 - Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees
 Policy 406 - Public and Private Personnel Data
 Policy 505 - Distribution of Non-school Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees
 Policy 506 - Student Discipline
 Policy 515 - Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records

Policy 519 - Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies
Policy 521 - Student Disability Nondiscrimination
Policy 522 - Student Sex Nondiscrimination
Policy 603 - Curriculum Development
Policy 604 - Instructional Curriculum
Policy 606 - Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Policy 806 - Crisis Management Policy
Policy 904 - Distribution of Materials on School District Property by
Nonschool Persons