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POLICY TITLE INTERNET APPROPRIATE USE (STUDENT TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY) No. 605.6

Electronic information sources and networked services significantly alter the information landscape for schools by opening classrooms to a broader array of resources. This Board Policy requires that all such materials be consistent with district-adopted guides, supporting and enriching the curriculum while taking into account the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities and developmental levels of the students. Because they may lead to any publicly available file server in the world, electronic resources will open classrooms to electronic information resources which have not been screened by educators for use by students of various ages.

Parents and guardians of minors are ultimately responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using digital media, technology and information sources. To that end, the Johnston Community School District supports and respects each family's right to decide the level of technology access for their student. Student use of the internet will be permitted unless a written request is made by the minor student's parent or guardian to not allow such access at school.

The district will comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act through the implementation of a Children's Internet Protection Act compliant web filter. The filter is a technology protection measure that provides blocks to internet sites that are deemed inappropriate in content, graphic, message or intent (i.e. sites that are obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors). Although the filter is continuously updated, it is not a guaranteed security from all inappropriate sites. This policy will be maintained at least five years beyond termination of E-rate or CIPA funding.

Students shall only engage in appropriate, responsible, ethical and legal use of the district's technology resources. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to prepare appropriate administrative procedures for implementing this policy and for reviewing and evaluating its effect on instruction and student achievement.

This policy and the related administrative regulations shall cover all available district technologies, now or hereafter existing, not just those which may be specifically listed.

Legal References: Iowa Code § 279.8 (2013).

Cross References: 104 Anti-Bullying/Harassment
502 Student Rights and Responsibilities
506 Student Records
605.5 School Library

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