

## DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### COMPUTER NETWORKS/INTERNET SAFETY AND ACCEPTABLE USE

The De Soto Area School District is providing access to the Internet as a means to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for all of our students and staff. Electronic information research skills are now fundamental to the preparation of citizens and future employees. Access to the Internet enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, bulletin boards, and other resources while exchanging messages with people around the world. The District has established this policy to ensure appropriate use of these resources.

It is expected that staff will provide guidance and instruction to students in the use of the Internet.

Users should understand that since computer equipment used within the school is public and used by numerous individuals, there cannot be any expectation of privacy when utilizing such public equipment within a public institution. Further, all documents, web sites, data, etc. that are produced or placed on school equipment become the property of the school and is subject to review or elimination without prior approval of the individual who produced said material.

The District shall employ technology protection measures to filter and block most inappropriate sites, including but not necessarily limited to those with visual depictions that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. (While we are using filters to block inappropriate web sites, it should be understood that we do not guarantee they block all inappropriate sites). Our staff and technology personnel do closely monitor the use of the Internet for unacceptable use.

All users are expected to abide by the guidelines for computer network/Internet acceptable use.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 120.13(1) Wisconsin Statutes  
943.70  
947.0125  
PL 94-553, 1976 Federal Copyright Law  
Children's Internet Protection Act  
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

CROSS REF.: 363.1-Rule, Computer Network/Internet Safety and  
Acceptable Use Guidelines  
363.1-Exhibit(1), Parent/Guardian Objection to  
Network/Internet Use  
771, Copyright

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