

GRANITE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

INSTRUCTION

POLICY 6078: ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (K-20 NETWORK)

The Board of Directors recognizes that the District is connected to a statewide communications system (the K-20 Network) which provides Internet access and interactive video conferencing. This network allows unprecedented opportunities for students, staff and the educational community to communicate, learn, access and publish information. The Board believes that the resources available through this network and the skills that students will develop in using it are of significant value. They will aid in the learning process and will be a positive contribution to student success in the future. These opportunities also pose many new challenges including, but not limited to, access for all students, age-level appropriateness of material, conservation of resources, security/privacy/confidentiality, and cost of maintaining the system. The District will endeavor to ensure that these concerns are appropriately addressed, but cannot insure that problems will not arise.

By connecting to this network, the Board intends only to provide a means for educational activities and does not intend to create a first amendment forum for free expression purposes. The District dedicates the property comprising the network, and grant access to it by users, only for the educational activities authorized under this policy and under the specific limitations contained therein.

The Board directs the Superintendent to provide training and procedures that encourage the widest possible access to the K-20 network by student, staff and the educational community, while establishing reasonable controls for the lawful, efficient and appropriate use and management of the system.

To help ensure student safety and citizenship in online activities, all students will be educated about appropriate behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking website and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

The Board and Superintendent discourages staff members from non-school related contact with individual students through texting, social networking sites, or other electronic means. Staff members should maintain appropriate, professional conduct with students at all times.

Cross Reference: Policy 5050, 5061, 5052, 6079

Legal Reference: 18 USC §§ 2510-2522 Electronic Communication Privacy Act; Pub.L.No. 110-385 Protecting children in the 21st century act

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