

**WINSLOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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TECHNOLOGY USE & CYBER SAFETY

The Winslow Public Schools provides computers, networks and Internet access to support the educational mission of the schools and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for end users. End users are anyone utilizing the equipment and/or services provided. The School Board believes that the resources available through the Internet are of significant value in the work environment and learning process and should; therefore, be used by end users alike in the pursuit of preparing students for the digital age in which they reside. At the same time, the unregulated availability of information and communication on the Internet requires that schools establish reasonable controls for lawful, efficient and appropriate use of this technology.

Use of school digital equipment and services is a privilege not a right. End users who violate the policy may have their specific privileges suspended or revoked and may also be subject to further disciplinary and/or legal action depending on the nature and severity of the offense committed up to and including student expulsion or termination of employment. All Winslow Public Schools digital equipment and related services remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school unit. The school unit reserves the right to monitor all digital activities of end users utilizing any of the digital services provided by the school with or without cause. System users have no expectation of privacy in their use of school equipment and services.

While reasonable precautions will be taken to supervise use of the provided equipment and services, the Winslow Public Schools cannot reasonably prevent all inappropriate uses, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school, in violation of School Board policies/procedures and school rules. The school unit is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that end users obtain through the provided equipment and services.

“CYBER SAFETY”

Winslow Public Schools uses filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors and child pornography. Although Winslow Public Schools take precautions to supervise student use of the Internet, parents should be aware that the Winslow Public Schools cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer and Internet use by students in violation of Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communications with persons outside of the school. Winslow Public Schools is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

In the interest of student safety (“cyber safety”) Winslow Public Schools also educates students and parents about on-line behavior, including interacting on social networking sites and chat rooms, and issues surrounding cyber bullying awareness and response.

The Superintendent is responsible for implementing this policy and the accompanying “acceptable use” rules and for documenting student Internet safety training. The Superintendent/designee may implement additional administrative procedures or school rules consistent with Board policy to govern the day-to-day management and operations of the Winslow Public Schools’ computer system.

Student and parents/legal guardians shall be informed of this policy and the accompanying rules through student handbooks, the school website, and / or other means selected by the Superintendent.

End users shall be informed of this policy/procedure on an annual basis through handbooks and/or other means selected by the superintendent. Receipt of the updated handbook is assumed to be notice of contents of this policy.

This policy shall be reviewed periodically by the Winslow Public Schools Technology Committee to address any substantial changes in technology services, products, usage and/or availability within that year. Should changes to the policy be recommended, such changes will be routed through the standard policy approval process for the Winslow Public Schools.

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