

**Board Policy 2335: Digital Citizenship and Safety Education**

**Status:** Approved

Technology will be integral to curriculum, instruction, and assessment. The District’s educational system must lay the foundation for students to participate comfortably in an increasingly technological society. Classroom activities will include instruction using multimedia, distance learning, and other technologies.

The Superintendent will ensure that District students are educated on appropriate online behavior, including cyberbullying awareness, digital citizenship, and online safety and etiquette. Instruction will be given to students as appropriate to the educational and developmental needs of students.

The Superintendent will ensure that teachers, administrators, and other staff members responsible for supervising students’ internet use receive professional development, training, and resources in the following areas:

1. Monitoring of student online activities;
2. Instruction of students in proper online etiquette;
3. Instruction of students in discerning among online information sources and appropriate materials;
4. Bullying and cyberbullying awareness and response, in accordance with the District’s bullying policy; and
5. Instruction of students on appropriate interaction on social networking websites and chat rooms.

The District may use the following methods of providing instruction on appropriate online behavior and cyberbullying awareness:

1. Incorporation of instruction into course objectives or daily lessons of planned instruction, as appropriate;
2. Class assemblies or special instruction given in the school library or media center;
3. Special technology courses that are required for students at various grade levels;
4. Online courses required for students to use a District network account; and

The Internet Safety Coordinator or their designee will also make resources available to parents/guardians on teaching students about acceptable internet use, appropriate online behavior, online etiquette, cyber-bullying awareness and response, and appropriate use of social networking websites and chat rooms.

<b>Legal References</b>	<b>Description</b>
20 USC § 6777	Internet Safety
47 CFR § 54.520(c)(1)(i)	Implementing CIPA: Certifications Required Under 47 USC 254(h) and (l)
IC § 18-917A	Student Harassment – Intimidation – Bullying
Pub. L. 106-554	Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
Pub. L. 110-385	Broadband Data Services Improvement Act

**Cross References**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
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3270	District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks
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3295	Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, and Cyber Bullying
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