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Introduction

It is the policy of Narragansett Schools to:

- a. prevent users from accessing or transmitting inappropriate material over its network via the Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications;
- b. prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity;
- c. prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and
- d. comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures including Internet filters shall be used to block or filter the Internet or other forms of electronic communications and access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or to child pornography or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Narragansett School's online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes:

- a. unauthorized access, including so-called hacking, and other unlawful activities; and
- b. unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Narragansett School's staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet Protection Act. Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of Director of Technology or designated representatives.

The school district will educate all students about appropriate online behavior, including interfacing with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

Public Review:

This Internet Safety Policy was initially reviewed with the community at a school committee meeting in August 2012. The Internet Safety Policy will be reviewed annually, or as needed.

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