

## 4526 - INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

The Board of Education is committed to undertaking efforts that serve to make safe for children the use of district computers for access to the Internet and World Wide Web. To this end, although unable to guarantee that any selected filtering and blocking technology will work perfectly, the Board directs the Superintendent of Schools to procure and implement the use of technology protection measures that block or filter Internet access by:

- adults to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography, and
- minors to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or are harmful to minors, as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Subject to staff supervision, however, any such measures may be disabled or relaxed for adults conducting bona fide research or other lawful purposes, in accordance with criteria established by the Superintendent or his or her designee.

The Superintendent or his or her designee also shall develop and implement procedures that provide for the safety and security of students using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; monitoring the online activities of students using district computers; and restricting student access to materials that are harmful to minors.

In addition, the Board prohibits the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding students or staff; unauthorized online access by students, including hacking and other unlawful activities; and access by students to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall establish and implement procedures that enforce these restrictions.

The computer network engineer designated under the District's Computer Network or Acceptable Use Policy shall monitor and examine all district computer network activities to ensure compliance with this policy and accompanying regulations. He or she also shall be responsible for ensuring that staff and students receive training on their requirements.

All users of the district's computer network, including access to the Internet and World Wide Web, must understand that use is a privilege, not a right, and that any such use entails responsibility. They must comply with the requirements of this policy and accompanying regulation, in addition to generally accepted rules of network etiquette, and the District's Acceptable Use Policy. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to the revocation of computer access privileges. Violations of the Internet Safety Policy by students or staff shall be reported to the respective Building Principal.

Adopted: June 24, 2008

Revised: January 27, 2016

**Student Expectations**

I have read, understand and will follow the policies on computer use and internet safety. Violation of this agreement could result in suspension of computer privileges and/or disciplinary action. I also understand the school network, e-mail accounts are owned by RCSD and that RCSD has the right to access any of the information used through the mediums provided through the school at any time.

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Student Name (please print)

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Student Signature

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Date

**Parent/Guardian Consent**

I have read the Rensselaer City School District's policies on computer use and internet safety and I have received and read the letter from the Rensselaer City School District regarding student access to District technology resources as part of the District's educational program.

In consideration for the privilege of my child using the Rensselaer City School District's technology resources, and in consideration for having access to public computer networks (Internet), I hereby release the Rensselaer City School District from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my, or my child's use or inability to use the District's technology resources, including, without limitation, the type of damages identified in the Rules and Code of Ethics for Technology sage in the Learning Environment.

I hereby give my child permission to use the Rensselaer City School District's technology resources and I certify that the information I have provided and the assurances I have given are correct.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

I hereby give my child permission to participate in the District's Bring Your Own Device program and connect personally owned devices to the District's Wireless Network.

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