

INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The Topeka Public Schools offers Internet and computer technology services to create a communication system, useful to students, employees, parents, community members and others interested in educational activities. The district's Internet site and online services shall provide meaningful and accurate content through a clearly organized interface. Provision of an Internet site and computer technology services is provided to facilitate curriculum and assessment services, staff development, online library and resource sharing, administrative and support services, school board information and policy communication, and district and school information dissemination.

All schools and district departments shall have the opportunity to create content for pages dedicated to the educational mission and activities of the school or department and the district. All uses of district and school Internet sites and all other online content and services shall be in support of education and research consistent with the district's educational objectives. A network logon procedure using passwords and an agreement to observe district technology use policies will authorize use of networked resources.

All District Internet site content shall be consistent with state and federal statutes and district policy. Copyright law shall be respected for all Internet and online services. Any disclosure of personally identifiable information must be done in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, as amended, and its interpretive regulations, 34 C.F.R. § 99.1, et seq. The design of the district Internet site and school and district department-managed sites shall include reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities.

The district reserves the right to remove pages and links from the district Internet site based upon its determination of inappropriate content. Internet sites that are considered obscene, as defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code, child pornography, as defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code, or harmful to minors as defined in Kansas law (K.S.A. 21-4301) are inappropriate and links to such sites are prohibited. The superintendent, building principal and department administrator or their designees are responsible for overseeing development and content of authorized district, school and department websites.

Any statement of personal belief found on the district Internet site or other online resources is implicitly understood to be representative of the author's individual point of view, and not that of the Topeka Public Schools, its Board of Education, administrators, teachers, staff, or the participating school. No representations to the contrary shall be published without written approval from an appropriate district administrator.

The district has registered its domain names for the purpose of exclusive Internet site identification. The district asserts copyright and/or other intellectual property rights in its domain name, district identification, district logo, and all content of the district Internet site (e.g., text, graphics, audio and video). All rights reserved. Schools and district departments may only store additional Internet content on non-district servers with the prior written authorization from the appropriate district-level administrator.

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Outside parties, including parents, patrons, or outside organizations may not publish any content for general access on the district and/or school Internet sites or otherwise use district and/or school domain names in connection with the publication of such content. Under no circumstances shall any outside party, directly or indirectly, use district and/or school domain names to promote political issues, causes, or candidates. Members of community and other outside organizations, with whom the Topeka Public Schools has agreed to allow access to computer technology on district property are obligated to follow the district policy and school site rules established for student use. Anyone using district-owned computer technology resources off district property will be obligated to follow district policy regarding the educational use of computers and the policy regulating off-site use of district property.

Commercial activities are governed by Administrative Regulation No. 2475-1, Advertising, Commercialism, Fund Raising, or Selling in the Schools. Automated links to fundraising activities, the proceeds of which directly benefit a school or the district and do not infringe upon or detract from the classroom activities or the education process as determined by the building principal are permitted. District Internet or online services may acknowledge the contribution of appropriate sponsors, and may include such sponsors' logos and automated links on the start page(s) of the content that is sponsored. In addition to the above, district Internet or online services may only include automated links to third-party for-profit content (including content provided by district sponsors) if such automated links are necessary to allow users to download software to use district Internet or online services; provide educational research information; are necessary for defined educational purposes; or are necessary for administrative or instructional purposes. Electronic mail lists available on the district's Internet site, computer network, or servers may not be used to create mailing lists used for non-school purposes on district computer technology. Electronic mail publications are electronic mail messages addressed to multiple recipients and intended for a general audience as opposed to a specific group. d Electronic mail publications are prohibited, unless authorized by the superintendent, building principal, or departmental administrator. Any approved message must be consistent with district or school educational objectives and within the purview of the department responsibility.