

MITCHELL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17-2

USE OF COMPUTERS AND NETWORKS

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Access to the internet is available to students and teachers of the school district. Online resources will allow projects such as penpal discussions, scientific data collection, and international cultural exchanges. The internet enables worldwide connection to electronic mail, discussion groups, data bases, computer software and informational sources such as libraries and museums. The goal of the district through online resources is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication within our own community, our nation and worldwide.

With the access of online resources comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. On a global network, it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. However, it is the district's belief that the valuable information and interaction on these networks far outweigh the possibility that a user may locate material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the district.

Internet users, like traditional library users, are responsible for their actions in accessing online resources. Before students have access to internet, they and their parent or guardian must sign an agreement, in the parents case giving permission for the student to use internet, and in the students case agreeing to use it appropriately.

The administration will formulate the necessary regulations to carry out the policy of acceptable internet use and the consequences if violations occur.

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Reviewed: 10/12/09 — no change at this time. A new policy is forthcoming.
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