

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REGULATION No. 218
PROGRAM**

INTERNET AND PUBLIC NETWORK ACCEPTABLE USE

Introduction

This Acceptable Use Regulation is provided so that all users, including staff, students and members of the community, using Carson City School District's Electronic Network Resources and Network Devices, are aware of their responsibilities. Electronic Network Resources and Communication Devices, include, but are not limited to networks and internet access, computers, printers, servers, scanners, digital cameras, cell phones, camera phones, iPods, fax machines, telephones, SmartBoards and document cameras, enable communication with electronic communities around the world. Our goal in providing these services is to facilitate access to information and resources, promote educational excellence and innovation, facilitate resource sharing, and enhance communication between schools and the community.

The Internet can bring a wealth of educational material to the classroom, but may also contain material that is inappropriate in an educational setting. The Carson City School District filters web sites believed to be inappropriate in compliance with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials. The Carson City School District cannot and does not believe that inappropriate material can be completely filtered.

The use of the District's Electronic Network Resources and Communication Devices is a privilege, not a right. If a Carson City School District user violates any of these provisions, access to the Electronic Network Resources and Communication Devices may be denied and he or she may be subject to disciplinary action and/or legal referral. The user agrees to be personally responsible for any indebtedness, if incurred, and agrees to indemnify and hold the Carson City School District harmless, therefrom, to include any reasonable costs or attorney's fees incurred by the Carson City School District.

Conditions and Rules for Use

Monitoring

The Carson City School District has the right to review and monitor all material stored in District files, e-mail and all interactive activity. The District also has the right to edit and remove any material which the District, in its sole discretion, believes is obscene, abusive, racist, sexist, offensive or otherwise objectionable and disruptive of educational process.

Filtering

The Carson City School District filters all Internet content for inappropriate sites, including, but not limited to social networking sites, peer-to-peer/file sharing, and streaming video/audio, with the exception of the Jim Randolph High Tech Center, which is managed by WNC.

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E-Mail

E-mail accessed through Carson City School District's Electronic Network Resources and Communication Devices is to be used for professional and educational communication only.

E-mail accessed through Carson City School District's Electronic Network Resources and Communication Devices should be accessed only at appropriate times. E-mail is not private and is archived in compliance with the Federal laws. If the Carson City School District has reason to suspect the e-mail that is stored on any District Electronic Network Resources or Communication Device is being used inappropriately, such E-mail may be viewed for verification purposes. All users must promptly report inappropriate messages received to a teacher, supervisor, or the system administrator.

Intellectual Property (Copyright)

Any user obtaining material through a Carson City School District Electronic Network Resources and Communication Devices, must agree to follow all copyright laws.

Software

Users shall use software only in accordance with its license agreement. License agreements must be followed on any Electronic Network Resources and Communication Devices, including personal equipment, at a Carson City School District site.

Liabilities

The Carson City School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages a user suffers. This includes, but is not limited to loss of data, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions.

The Carson City School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through any District Electronic Network Resources and Communication Devices. All users need to consider the source of any information they obtain and consider how valid that information may be.

System Security

Any user that has an account on a Carson City School District Electronic Network Resources or Communication Devices is responsible for any activity that takes place while that user is logged in to the network. Users who are logged in are sharing resources on the District's network. Logging out of your account and shutting down your computer ensures that you are logged out of the network. If a user detects a security risk to any Carson City School District Electronic Network Resource or Communication Devices, they must notify a teacher, supervisor, or system administrator immediately.

Unauthorized Use

Unauthorized Use includes, but is not limited to:

1. The malicious attempt to vandalize, harm, or destroy data or equipment or the actual vandalism, destruction, or harm thereof, on any Carson City School District Electronic Network Resources and Communication Devices.

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2. The attempt to gain or actual unauthorized access or the unauthorized attempted or actual denial to others of access to the District's Electronic Network Resources and Communication Devices.
3. The improper accessing, transferring, or sharing of network resources or files of other users.
4. The placing, transmission, distribution, or deliberate access of obscene, abusive, racist, sexist or otherwise offensive, objectionable, or unlawful information or language on any Electronic Resource or Communication Device. The District reserves the right to determine what constitutes abusive conduct or violation of District policies and regulations.
5. The unauthorized use of any District Electronic Network Resources or Communication Device for commercial purposes, financial gain, personal business, or production of advertisements, business endorsements, religious or political lobbying.
6. The selling or purchasing of goods and services without the prior approval of the appropriate administrator.
7. The incurring of any unauthorized costs of any nature for the Carson City School District.
8. The posting of chain letters in e-mail.
9. Sending messages to a large number of people, or sending a large number of messages to a single person, with the intent of annoying the user(s) or to interrupt the network (spamming.)
10. Installing or downloading any unauthorized or unlicensed software or files.

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