

NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Acceptable Use and Internet Safety (Personnel)

Computers, networks, other electronic devices, Internet access, and e-mail are effective and important technological resources. The Board of Education provides computers, a network, including Internet access and an e-mail system, as well as other electronic devices that access the network such as wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held equipment (including but not limited to laptops, tablets, phones, and cameras that can be used for data processing, Internet access, image capture and recording, sound recording, information transmitting and/or receiving, media storage, etc.), in order to enhance both the educational opportunities for our staff and the business operations of the district.

These electronic devices are business and educational tools. As such, they are made available to staff in the district for education related uses consistent with the District's missions and goals. The Administration shall develop regulations setting forth procedures to be used by the Administration in an effort to ensure that such electronic devices are used by staff primarily for appropriate business and education related purposes.

In accordance with applicable laws and the Administrative Regulations associated with this Policy, the system administrator and others managing the educational electronic devices may access email or monitor activity on the network or electronic devices accessing the network at any time and for any reason or no reason. Typical examples include when there is reason to suspect inappropriate conduct or there is a problem with the electronic devices or the network needing correction. Further, the system administrator and others managing the network can access or monitor activity on the systems despite the use of passwords by individual users, and can bypass such passwords. In addition, review of emails, messages or information stored on the computer systems, which can be forensically retrieved, includes those messages and/or electronic data sent, posted and/or retrieved using social networking sites.

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Incidental personal use of the computer systems may be permitted solely for the purpose of e-mail transmissions and access to the Internet on a limited, occasional basis. Such incidental personal use of the computer systems, however, is subject to all rules, including monitoring of all such use, as the Superintendent may establish through regulation. Moreover, any such incidental personal use shall not interfere in any manner with work responsibilities.

Users should not have any expectation of personal privacy in the use of the network or any electronic devices that access the North Branford Educational Network. Use of the North Branford Educational Network represents an employee's acknowledgement that the employee has read and understands this policy and any applicable regulations in their entirety, including the provisions regarding monitoring and review of electronic device activity.

Legal References:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-40x

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-48d

Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 53a-182; 53a-183; 53a-250

Electronic Communication Privacy Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2510 through 2520

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