



Policy IJNDB Acceptable Use of Information Systems

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision for access and use of the district's information system.

Richland County School District One will provide board members, employees and students with access to the district's electronic communication system which includes network, Internet and email access. The principle purpose of this system is for the education of students and professional use by staff. This purpose includes use of the system for classroom, work-related, professional and career development activities.

The board will direct the superintendent to develop and implement procedures for the technical operation and management of the system, to facilitate its effective integration into the instructional programs at the schools, and to address any related functions to ensure the purposes of the system are recognized. Appropriate forms and guidelines will support this policy and are published as separate documents which carry all the force of the board policy. All uses of the electronic communication system by board members, employees and students are not confidential and may be monitored at any time by designated staff.

Richland County School District One is not liable for inappropriate use of the district's electronic communication system, copyright violations, user mistakes or negligence, or costs incurred by users. The district is not responsible for the validity of any information found on the Internet or other external data systems.

This policy, administrative rule and its supporting forms may be accessed via the Internet from the district's website.

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Legal references:

Federal law:

47 U.S.C. Section 254(h)-Children's Internet Protection Act.

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, Section 512 – Limitations on liability relating to material online.

S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

Section 10-1-205 – Computers in public libraries; regulation of Internet access.

Section 16-3-850 – Encountering child pornography while processing film or working on a computer.

Section 16-15-305 – Disseminating, procuring or promoting obscenity unlawful; definitions; penalties; obscene material designated contraband.