

# FABIUS-POMPEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian and Student:

As a parent or guardian of a student in the Fabius-Pompey School District, your child may have access to the Internet, or eventually to email, through the school computer system. It is important that you and your child understand the District's Internet Use Policy. Please read the information below carefully and discuss it with your child. If you agree, sign and return the application to Mrs. Wilcox, secretary in the Middle School-High School Main Office, or to Mrs. Dobrovech, secretary in the Elementary School Main Office. If you do not agree with the enclosed policy, and/or do not submit the signed contract, your child will be denied use of the District's Internet and/or email capabilities.

### Internet Use Policy

When used appropriately, the Internet is an important resource for students and staff. It provides a connection to a variety of information sources, educational institutions and users throughout the world, fosters the development of researchers and investigators, and encourages resource sharing, innovation and communication. In order to comply with Federal regulations, the District has adopted policy #7371 (attached) which indicates the extent to which procedures are in place to prevent access to inappropriate material or internet sites. Additionally, the District, in cooperation with OCM BOCES, has an Internet filtering device in place to restrict site access.

Despite our best efforts, a determined user may still be able to gain access to inappropriate or unauthorized services on the Internet. Therefore, it is recognized that students may gain access to information and communications that they, the District or their parents find inappropriate, offensive or controversial. Parents and guardians assume this risk by consenting to allow their students to participate in the use of the Internet.

The District does not sanction any unauthorized use of the Internet. Users granted access to the Internet through the District's resources assume personal responsibility, both civil and criminal, for uses of the Internet not authorized by Board Policy or Administrative Regulation.

*Appropriate uses of the Internet*

The following are some appropriate uses of the Internet:

- Completing an assignment, conducting research and contacting individuals as directed by a teacher.
- Completing an assignment for a course specifically designed to use the Internet.
- Using electronic mail or discussion groups to communicate with people outside the District.
- Exploring the Internet to learn more about how to use computers, networks and the Internet.
- Gaining access to information and news from NASA, the U.S. Weather Bureau, Smithsonian Institute, universities and other sources.

*Inappropriate uses of the Internet*

The following are some inappropriate uses of the Internet:

- Using the Internet for financial gain.
- Spreading computer viruses.
- Violating Board Policy and/or Administrative Regulation.
- Gaining unauthorized access to systems and networks.
- Invading privacy of others.
- Downloading, storing or printing files or messages which are obscene or profane.
- Downloading, storing or printing files or messages considered dangerous.

*Downloading software from online services*

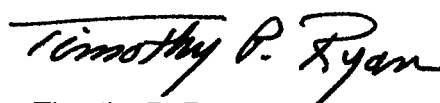
Users may not download software from electronic bulletin board systems, external electronic mail systems or online services, such as America Online or CompuServe.

*Actions to discourage inappropriate use*

At the discretion of the appropriate administrators, teachers and support personnel, the following action may be taken to discourage inappropriate use of the Internet:

- Use of passwords to limit Internet access to authorized users only. Users will be asked to change their password on a regular basis.
- Use of filtering software, which is available commercially, to detect and filter out inappropriate data.
- Disciplinary action, including immediate suspension of the violator's Internet connection and/or legal action as determined by the Superintendent.

Sincerely,



Timothy P. Ryan  
Superintendent of Schools

**POLICY #7371**

**SUBJECT: INTERNET SAFETY/INTERNET CONTENT FILTERING POLICY**

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the District has adopted and will enforce this Internet safety policy that ensures the use of technology protection measures (i.e., filtering or blocking of access to certain material on the Internet) on all District computers with Internet access. Such technology protection measures apply to Internet access by both adults and minors with regard to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or, with respect to the use of computers by minors, considered harmful to such students. The District will provide for the education of students regarding appropriate online behavior including interacting with other individuals on social networking Web sites and in chat rooms, and regarding cyberbullying awareness and response. Further, appropriate monitoring of online activities of minors, as determined by the building/program supervisor, will also be enforced to ensure the safety of students when accessing the Internet.

Further, the Board of Education's decision to utilize technology protection measures and other safety procedures for staff and students when accessing the Internet fosters the educational mission of the schools including the selection of appropriate teaching/instructional materials and activities to enhance the schools' programs; and to help ensure the safety of personnel and students while online.

However, no filtering technology can guarantee that staff and students will be prevented from accessing all inappropriate locations. Proper safety procedures, as deemed appropriate by the applicable administrator/program supervisor, will be provided to ensure compliance with the CIPA.

In addition to the use of technology protection measures, the monitoring of online activities and access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web *may* include, but shall not be limited to, the following guidelines:

- a) Ensuring the presence of a teacher and/or other appropriate District personnel when students are accessing the Internet including, but not limited to, the supervision of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging and other forms of direct electronic communications. As determined by the appropriate building administrator, the use of e-mail, chat rooms, as well as social networking Web sites, may be blocked as deemed necessary to ensure the safety of such students;
- b) Monitoring logs of access in order to keep track of the web sites visited by students as a measure to restrict access to materials harmful to minors;
- c) In compliance with this Internet Safety Policy as well as the District's Acceptable Use Policy, unauthorized access (including so-called "hacking") and other unlawful activities by minors are prohibited by the District; and student violations of such policies may result in disciplinary action; and
- d) Appropriate supervision and notification to minors regarding the prohibition as to unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding such students.

The determination of what is "inappropriate" for minors shall be determined by the District and/or designated school official(s). It is acknowledged that the determination of such "inappropriate" material may vary depending upon the circumstances of the situation and the age of the students involved in online research.

The terms "minor," "child pornography," "harmful to minors," "obscene," "technology protection measure," "sexual act," and "sexual contact" will be as defined in accordance with CIPA and other applicable laws/regulations as may be appropriate and implemented pursuant to the District's educational mission.

Under certain specified circumstances, the blocking or filtering technology measure(s) may be disabled for adults engaged in bona fide research or other lawful purposes. The power to disable can only be exercised by an administrator, supervisor, or other person authorized by the School District.

The School District shall provide certification, pursuant to the requirements of CIPA, to document the District's adoption and enforcement of its Internet Safety Policy, including the operation and enforcement of technology protection measures (i.e., blocking/filtering of access to certain material on the Internet) for all School District computers with Internet access.

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## **SUBJECT: INTERNET SAFETY/INTERNET CONTENT FILTERING POLICY (Cont'd.)**

### **Internet Safety Instruction**

In accordance with New York State Education Law, the School District may provide, to students in grades K through 12, instruction designed to promote the proper and safe use of the Internet. The Commissioner shall provide technical assistance to assist in the development of curricula for such course of study which shall be age appropriate and developed according to the needs and abilities of students at successive grade levels in order to provide awareness, skills, information and support to aid in the safe usage of the Internet.

Under the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, students will also be educated on appropriate interactions with other individuals on social networking Web sites and in chat rooms, as well as cyberbullying awareness and response.

### **Access to Inappropriate Content/Material and Use of Personal Technology or Electronic Devices**

Despite the existence of District policy, regulations and guidelines, it is virtually impossible to completely prevent access to content or material that may be considered inappropriate for students. Students may have the ability to access such content or material from their home, other locations off school premises and/or with a student's own personal technology or electronic device on school grounds or at school events.

The District is not responsible for inappropriate content or material accessed via a student's own personal technology or electronic device or via an unfiltered Internet connection received through a student's own personal technology or electronic device.

### **Notification/Authorization**

The District's Acceptable Use Policy and accompanying Regulations will be disseminated to parents and students in order to provide notice of the school's requirements, expectations, and student's obligations when accessing the Internet.

The District has provided reasonable public notice and has held at least one (1) public hearing or meeting to address the proposed Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy prior to Board adoption. Additional public notice and a hearing or meeting is not necessary when amendments are made to the Internet Safety Policy in the future.

The District's Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy must be made available to the FCC upon request. Furthermore, appropriate actions will be taken to ensure the ready availability to the public of this policy as well as any other District policies relating to the use of technology.

The Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy is required to be retained by the school for at least five (5) years after the funding year in which the policy was relied upon to obtain E-rate funding.

47 United States Code (USC) Sections 254(h) and 254(l)  
47 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 54  
Education Law Section 814

Adoption Date 5/12/12

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**INTERNET USE AGREEMENT APPLICATION**

**2019-2020**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

*As the parent or guardian of the student applicant, I have read the "Internet Use Agreement" and have discussed it with my child. I understand that Internet access and email are for educational purposes only. I hereby give permission for my child to use the Internet and, when appropriate, to be issued an email account.*

Parent's/Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the application:

For grades K-5:

Mrs. Tish Dobrovec, Elementary School Main Office, 7800 Main Street, Fabius, NY 13063

For grades 6-12:

Mrs. Karen Wilcox, Middle School-High School Main Office, 1211 Mill Street, Fabius, NY 13063