



# **MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **POLICY# 4526.1**

### **INTERNET SAFETY**

(X) REQUIRED
( ) LOCAL
( ) NOTICE

The Milford Central School District Board of Education is committed to undertaking efforts that serve to make safe for children the use of computers for access to the Internet and World Wide Web. To this end, although unable to guarantee that any selected filtering and blocking technology will work perfectly, the Board directs the Superintendent to procure and implement the use of technology protection measures that block or filter Internet access by:

- adults to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography, and
- minors to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Subject to staff supervision, however, any such measures may be disabled or relaxed for adults conducting bona fide research or other lawful purposes, in accordance with criteria established by the Superintendent or his or her designee.

The Superintendent or his or her designee also shall develop and implement procedures that provide for the safety and security of students using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; the online activities of students using computers; and restricting student access to materials that are harmful to minors.

In addition, the Board prohibits the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding students; unauthorized online access by students, including hacking and other unlawful activities; and access by students to inappropriate matters on the Internet and World Wide Web. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall establish and implement procedures that enforce these restrictions.

The Designee shall audit all BOCES computer network activities to ensure compliance with this policy and accompanying regulation. The Designee also shall be responsible for ensuring that staff and students receive training on their requirements.

All users of the computer network must understand that use is a privilege, not a right, and that any such use entails responsibility. They must comply with the requirements of this policy and accompanying regulation, in addition to generally accepted rules of network etiquette, and the policy on the acceptable use of computers and the internet (Policy 4526). Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, the revocation of computer access privileges.

As part of this policy, and the policy on acceptable use of computers (Policy 4526), the district shall also provide age-appropriate instruction regarding appropriate online behavior, including:

1. interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms, and
2. cyberbullying awareness and response.

Instruction will be provided even if the district prohibits students from accessing social networking sites or chat rooms on district computers.

#### Ref:

Children's Internet Protection Act, Public Law No. 106-554

Broadband Data Services Improvement Act/ Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, Public Law No. 110-385

47 USC §254

20 USC §6777

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