

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

I. Statement of Intent

The Questar III Internet Safety Policy sets forth specific expectations relating to safe access to the Internet and World Wide Web for students using Questar III networks. This policy augments the Questar III Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy for the purpose of assuring conformance with standards set forth in the federal Children's Internet Protection Act, the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, and implementing regulations.

II. Security Measures

Questar III recognizes that no filtering and blocking technology will consistently and completely block harmful sites. Questar III will procure and implement technology protection measures that reflect best industry standards to block or filter Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene or pornographic and, for students age 17 or under (defined as "minors" for purposes of the Children's Internet Protection Act), that are harmful to minors. Such blocking or filtering measures may be disabled or relaxed for adults conducting bona fide research or other lawful purposes, as may be approved by an appropriate assistant superintendent.

Questar III network staff, in coordination with principals and other appropriate staff members, 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; monitoring online activities of students using district computers to assure compliance with this policy; and restricting student access to materials that are harmful to minors.

As provided in the Questar III Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy, unauthorized online access by students, including "hacking" or other unlawful activities; cyberbullying; and access by students to inappropriate matter on the Internet and the World Wide Web through the Questar III network, among other inappropriate uses of the Network, are prohibited. Additionally, cyberbullying, harassment and discrimination are prohibited by the Questar III Code of Conduct Policy.

III. Training

Students and staff shall be provided guidance and training on appropriate use of the Questar network in accordance with this Policy and the Questar III Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy. Age-appropriate instruction for students regarding online behavior shall include:

1. Protocols for communicating over the Network so they may better understand generally accepted business practices and remain safe and secure;
2. Appropriate interactions with others on social networking sites and chat rooms; and
3. Awareness and appropriate responses to cyberbullying.

IV. Notice to Parents/Guardians

Questar III shall provide an annual written notification to parents/guardians of Questar III students of this Policy, the Questar III Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy, and pertinent rules and regulations concerning the use of the Network. Parents/guardians shall file a written acknowledgement of receipt of the notice on the student's user agreement form provided by Questar III. Such notice shall advise parents/guardians of:

1. Expectations for appropriate online conduct by users;
2. Reasonable steps taken by Questar III to ensure that students use the Network only for purposes that are consistent with the educational program;
3. Technology to block or filter Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene or pornographic and that are harmful to minors
4. Questar III's inability to fully prevent students' access to objectionable or inappropriate materials available through the Internet or posted on computers or sites maintained by others; and
5. Questar III's right to monitor use of the Network by students and that students have no expectation of privacy while using the Network.

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References

47 U.S. Code section 254

20 U.S. Code section 6777

47 C.F.R. 54.520

Children's Internet Protection Act (Public Law 106-554)

Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act (Public Law 110-385)

Questar III Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy 7-208

Questar III Code of Conduct Policy 7-102

Questar III Student Records Policy 3-106