

## **Instruction**

### **Computers: Web Sites/Pages**

The Board of Education allows the District and schools within the District to create and maintain world wide web sites for educational purposes. Web sites are avenues for educating, providing information, communicating and expressing creativity. District and individual school websites shall be used to share information about school curriculum and instruction, school-authorized activities, and other information relating to our schools and our mission. Websites may also provide instructional resources for staff and students.

Materials displayed on web sites are published on the Internet. Therefore, the content should be professional quality and consistent with the education mission of the school system. Web sites shall follow standards for ethical behavior in regard to information and technology by showing respect for the principles of intellectual freedom, intellectual property rights and the responsible use of information and technology. Pages shall reflect an understanding that both internal and external audiences will be viewing the information.

Any pages or links representing the school district shall follow guidelines and responsibilities pertaining to content standards, student records, copyright, technical standards, and accessibility for disabled individuals which are contained in the administrative regulations which accompany this policy.

- (cf. 1110 - Communications with the Public)
- (cf. 5125 - Student Records)
- (cf. 5145.15 – Directory Information)
- (cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)
- (cf. 6141.321 – Responsible Use of the Internet)
- (cf. 6145.3 - Publications)
- (cf. 6161.1 - Guidelines for Evaluation/Selection of Instructional Materials)
- (cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copying Device, Copyrights)
- (cf. 6163 - Instructional Resources for Students)
- (cf. 6141.321 – Website Accessibility for the Disabled)

- Legal Reference:
- Connecticut General Statutes
  - 1-19(b)(11) Access to public records. Exempt records.
  - 1015b Access of parents or guardians to student's records.
  - 10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited
  - 10209 Records not to be public.
  - 11-8a Retention, destruction and transfer of documents
  - 11-8b Transfer or disposal of public records. State Library Board to adopt regulations.
  - 46b56 (e) Access to Records of Minors.

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### Computers: Web Sites/Pages (continued)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)  
Connecticut Public Records Administration Schedule V Disposition of Education Records (Revised 1983).  
Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended, added by section 513 of P.L. 93568, codified at 20 U.S.C.1232g.).  
Dept. of Educ. 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (May 9, 1980 45 FR 30802) regs. implementing FERPA enacted as part of 438 of General Educ. provisions act (20 U.S.C. 1232g) parent and student privacy and other rights with respect to educational records, as amended 11/21/96.  
Public Law 94-553, The Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. 101 et.seq.  
U.S. Const. Amend. I  
Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. 2510-2522  
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§791, 793-794 (2006), (34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 104)  
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§12101-12213; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2006); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2006)  
Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008