

**Minatare Public Schools  
Policy on District-Provided Access to Computer and other Electronic Information,  
Services, and Networks**

**Minatare Public Schools recognize the value of computers and other electronic resources to improve student learning and enhance the administration and operation of its schools. To this end, the Minatare Public Schools encourage responsible use of computers, computer networks, including the Internet, and other electronic resources in support of the mission and goals of the Minatare Public Schools and its school.**

**It is the policy of the Minatare Public Schools to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via the Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with Children's Internet Protection Act.**

**It is the policy of the Minatare Public Schools to maintain an environment that promotes ethical and responsible conduct in all online network activities by staff and students. It shall be a violation of this policy for any employee, student, or other individual who engages in any activity that does not conform to the established purpose and general rules and policies of the network. Within this general policy, the Minatare Public Schools recognizes its legal and ethical obligation to protect the well-being of students in its charge.**

**The following uses of school-provided electronic resources, including Internet and e-mail, are not permitted:**

- a. to access, upload, download, or distribute pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material;**
- b. to transmit obscene, abusive, sexually explicit, or threatening language;**
- c. to violate any local, state or federal statute;**
- d. to vandalize, damage, or disable the property of another individual or organization;**
- e. to access another individual's materials, information, or files without permission, staff or student passwords and,**
- f. to violate copyright or otherwise use the intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission.**
- g. To assist in accessing another staff or students file or access unauthorized parts of the computer network.**

**Any violation of District policy and rules may result in loss of District-provided access to the Internet. Additional disciplinary action may be determined in keeping with the existing procedures and practices regarding inappropriate language or behavior. When and where applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.**

**Students may...**

- Design and post web pages and other materials from school resources.
- Use direct communications such as e-mail, online chat, or instant messaging with a teacher's permission.
- Use the resources for any educational purposes.

**Consequences for Violation.** Violation of these rules may result in disciplinary action, such as failure in a class they are enrolled which involves computers, no credit for the semester, and loss of a student's privileges to use the school's information technology resources.

**Supervision and Monitoring.** School and network administrators and their authorized employees monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that users are secure and in conformity with this policy. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the school's information networks in order to further the health, safety, discipline, or security of any student or other person, or to protect property. They may also use this information in disciplinary actions, and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement.

**Enforcement of Policy**

- Minatare Public Schools uses a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access to block access to some Internet sites that are not in accordance with the policy of Minatare Public Schools.
- The technology protection measures that block or filter Internet access may be disabled by a Minatare Public School staff member for bona fide research purposes or class educational work with permission from the administration.
- Minatare Public Schools staff will monitor student's use of the Internet, through either direct supervision, ESU security, or by monitoring Internet use history, to ensure enforcement of the policy.

**Disclaimers**

- Minatare Public Schools and its individual schools, administrators, faculty, and staff thereof, make no warranties of any kind for the service provided and will not be held responsible for any damage suffered by users. This includes the loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, and intrusion by computer virus or service interruption.
- Use of any information obtained via network access is at the risk of the user, and Minatare Public Schools specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained.
- Minatare Public schools cannot guarantee complete protection from inappropriate material. Furthermore, it is impossible for the district or content filter to reflect each individual or family's opinions of what constitutes "inappropriate material." If a student mistakenly accesses inappropriate information, he/she should immediately notify a district staff member.

- **Minatare Public Schools is not liable for an individual's inappropriate use of District's electronic communications systems or violation of copyright restrictions or other laws, or other costs incurred by users through use of Minatare Public Schools electronic communication systems.**
- **The District will cooperate fully with local, state, and federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to misuse of the District's electronic communication systems.**

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**Policy No. 504.10**

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Student's Agreement**

**By signing this form, I acknowledge receipt of, understand, and agree to abide by the rules and standards set forth in the Minatare Public Schools Policy on District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks. I understand that to gain access to the Minatare Public Schools computer network systems, I must return this form signed by me and my parent or legal guardian. I further understand that any violation of this policy is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, monetary liability may be incurred, school disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. I understand that this agreement will be in effect for one school year and must be re-signed in subsequent years.**

**PRINTED Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent or Legal Guardian's Agreement**

**I have read, understand, and agree with the Minatare Public Schools Policy on District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks. I understand that by signing this form I give permission for Minatare Public Schools to grant access to District electronic communication systems, including the Internet. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I understand that Minatare Public Schools has taken responsible precautions to eliminate access to inappropriate material and I will not hold the District or staff members responsible if inappropriate material is inadvertently accessed. I understand that this agreement will be in effect for one school year and must be re-signed in subsequent years.**

**PRINTED Parent/Guardian Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_