

EAST DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

East Detroit Public Schools encourages and strongly promotes use of technology in the educational community. To ensure students, staff and parents can take full advantage of available technologies, all technology use in the district must be properly authorized, adhere to district policy, and be in support of and consistent with the purposes and stated goals of the school district. The district fully understands and is in compliance with all regulations of the **Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)**. As such, the district utilizes an Internet filtering system that is supported and maintained by the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD). The BESS filter is designed to restrict access by category to inappropriate sites that may be deemed harmful to minors including direct communications such as Chat rooms, E-mail and Social Networking sites. Students using computers and/or copying equipment without proper authorization may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including loss of computer privileges or suspension.

East Detroit Public Schools, together with the MISD and direct teacher observation, monitors student Internet activity. The district will also ensure that all workstations specified for student use have appropriate filtering software installed. In addition, students receive instruction on responsible use of the Internet, including safety and security when using email, chat rooms, social networking and cyber-bullying awareness and response. Currently the ability to "Chat" use of email and social networking sites by students is restricted. The only exception made for student email use is by those students who are enrolled in an online course.

District/building acceptable use policies, as well as technological constraints on port traffic are in place to prevent unauthorized access or "hacking" activities by online users.

The policies that are in place restrict East Detroit Public Schools' unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Guidelines:

1. Published documents may not include a child's phone number, street address or box number; or names of other family members.
2. Documents may not include any information which indicates the physical location of a student at a given time other than attendance at a particular school or participation in school activities.
3. Documents may not contain objectionable material or point directly or indirectly to objectionable material.
4. Documents must conform to school board policies and established school guidelines.
5. Documents must be edited and approved by a referring teacher and/or the staff member charged with maintaining the Internet site on which the material is published.