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BOARD POLICY

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ELECTRONIC RESOURCES AND INTERNET SAFETY

The Board recognizes that an effective public education system develops students who are globally aware, civically engaged, and capable of managing their lives and careers. The Board also believes that students need to be proficient and safe users of information, media and technology to succeed in a digital world.

Therefore, the District will use electronic resources as a powerful and compelling means for students to learn core subjects and applied skills in relevant and rigorous ways. It is the District's goal to provide students with rich and ample opportunities to use technology for important purposes in schools just as individuals in workplaces and other real-life settings. The District's technology will enable educators and students to communicate, learn, share, collaborate and create, to think and solve problems, to manage their work and to take ownership of their lives.

The superintendent or designee will create strong electronic educational systems that support innovative teaching and learning, to provide appropriate staff development opportunities and to develop procedures to support this policy.

Internet Safety

To help ensure student safety and citizenship in online activities, all students will be educated about appropriate behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and chat rooms, and cyber-bullying awareness and response. The superintendent or designee will develop procedures to support this policy, to monitor the online activities of students, and to protect against Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors.

Access to the District network and the Internet will enable students to explore and exchange information in various electronic forms. The Board believes that the benefits to students from access in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed the disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Shelton School District supports and respects each family's right to decide to "opt out" or deny their children's access to the resources available on the Internet.

Further, when students use the Internet from school facilities for educational purposes, District staff will make a reasonable effort to supervise student access and use of the internet. If material is accessed that violates District policies, procedures or student guidelines for electronic resources or acceptable use, District staff may instruct the person to cease using that material and/or implement sanctions consistent with District policies, procedures, guidelines, or student codes of conduct.

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Cross-References:

Board Policy 2020	Course Design, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials
Board Policy 2025	Copyright Compliance
Board Policy 3200	Student Conduct and Discipline
Board Policy 3207	Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
Board Policy 3231	Student Records
Board Policy 3200	Student Conduct and Discipline
Board Policy 4040	Public Access to District Records
Board Policy 5281	Disciplinary Action and Discharge

Legal References:

18 USC §§ 2510-2522	Electronic Communication Privacy Act
Pub. L. No. 110-385	Protecting Children in the 21 st Century Act