

WSANEC SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY NAME: INTERNET/WAN ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Parent/Guardian Consent for Online Communication Access {Acceptable Use Policy Excerpt}

Preamble:

The intent of this policy is to set expectations for ethical and appropriate use of the Internet and the Wsanec School Board Wide Area Network by staff and students. This policy also indicates consequences for improper use. These consequences are not identical for the various user groups, but are consistent with the type of user.

Policy Statement:

All computers connected to the Wsanec School Board's network are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner.

Guiding Principles:

- 1) All students and staff access to the Wsanec School Board on line communication is governed by the Internet/WAN Acceptable Use Policy.
- 2) The Wsanec School Board computer storage facilities shall be treated like other storage facilities, such as desks, file cabinets and lockers provided by the Wsanec School Board for employees and students.
- 3) Staff and student access to online information and communication is a necessary part of education. All Wsanec School Board users benefit from equitable access to the World Wide Web in an inclusive environment through extended learning opportunities and awareness of the access to a global perspective.
- 4) On-line communications access for students should be developed and operate in a collaborative learning environment, in supervised contexts and should be accompanied by instruction and high expectations about safety, ethics, etiquette and appropriateness of material.
- 5) Parents must give their informed consent before elementary and middle school students are permitted online communication access which can potentially allow exposure to resources that would not be approved using the Wsanec School Board's criteria for selection. Parents may request that their students not have access to the Internet.
- 6) Provision of online communications access outside of the school setting is the responsibility of students and their parents.
- 7) Consequences for inappropriate use are outlined in the Administrative Procedure and will be consistent with other disciplinary procedures within the Board.

Administrative Procedure

1. Purposes
 - a) The Wsanec School Board Network's primary function is to enhance educational opportunities at WSB facilities
 - b) The Wsanec School Board's Network is maintained to facilitate communication among staff, students and the community.
2. **Wsanec School Board Rights**
 - a) The Wsanec School Board has the right to restrict or terminate network access at any time for any reason. The Wsanec School Board further has the right to monitor any network activity in order to maintain both the operation and appropriate function of the information network.