

WSÁNEĆ SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY NAME: INTERNET / WAN ACCETABLE USE POLICY

Parent Guardian Consent for Online Communications 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 WSÁNEĆ School Board Wide Area network by staff and students. This policy also indicates consequences for improper use. These consequences are of identical for the various user groups, but are consistent with the type of user.

Policy Statement:

All computers connected to the WSÁNEĆ 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 WSÁNEĆ online communication is governed by the internet/WAN acceptable Use Policy.
- 2) The WSÁNEĆ School Board computer storage facilities shall be treated like other storage facilities, such as desks, file cabinets and lockers provided by the WSÁNEĆ School board for employees and students.
- 3) Staff and students access to online information and communication is a necessary part of education. All WSÁNEĆ School Board users benefit from equitable access to the World Wide Web in an inclusive environment through extended learning opportunities and awareness of and access to a global perspective.
- 4) Online 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 communications access which can potentially allow exposure to resources that would not be approved using the WSÁNEĆ 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 Procedures and will be consistent with other disciplinary procedures within the Board.

Administrative Procedures:

1. Purposes

A) The WSÁNEĆ School Board Network's primary function is to enhance educational opportunities at WSB facilities.

B) The WSÁNEĆ School Board's Network is maintained to facilitate communication among staff, students and the community.

2. WSÁNEĆ School Board Rights

A) WSÁNEĆ School Board has the right to restrict or terminate network access at any time for any reason. The WSÁNEĆ 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.

Policy Name: Internet WAN Acceptable Use Policy

WSÁNEĆ School Board provides the opportunity for students to access online communication through the internet or world wide web. Your signature or approval on the bottom will be considered your consent.

Students will be able to access information from around the world and bring it to their school computer via this electronic connection, On-line information technology skills are now considered necessary part of technical/information literacy and part of the Curriculum of the Province of British Columbia. This opportunity to learn about and through on-line information is a career/life skill that has great potential benefit for your student.

Access to the World Wide Web can open up potential problems as well. It is the potential that requires us to inform you the opportunity to withdraw consent. On-line communication can be misused. Students may receive inappropriate content that may range from mildly offensive jokes to obscene, pornographic, sexist or racist material. We use sophisticated means to screen this to inappropriate material. Appropriate use is the shared responsibility, the school will strive to establish and maintain shared expectations around on-line etiquette and the ethical use of computer communications. As in other areas, open communication between parent and students about the Internet; personal safety and personal ethics is vital in building responsibility. Teachers will occasionally monitor student's use of the school's online infrastructure to ensure appropriate use. Students who deliberately use their Internet access in a way that in contrary to the Acceptable Use Policy will face disciplinary action and loss of computer privileges.

Student's name

Grade

Teacher

Parent/ Guardian Name (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date