

Student Personnel
Series 500

Policy Title: Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Code No. 505

Policy Statement

Heartland AEA protects the online safety of students by imposing strict controls to prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by users online, including unauthorized disclosure of or access to sensitive information.

Scope of Policy

This policy applies to all students using technology infrastructure, hardware, and software provided by Heartland AEA.

Accountability Overview

Students supervised directly by Heartland AEA staff receive instruction on the [acceptable use of technology policy](#) and are required to acknowledge their understanding and agreement of the policy through their signature.

Parents, guardians, and/or staff serving in *loco parentis* of students housed in juvenile homes or correctional facilities are notified that students are provided supervised access to the Internet and have access to the Acceptable Use of Technology policy students are required to sign.

Heartland AEA complies with the provisions of the **Children's Internet Protection Act of 2001**.

Legal References:

- 47 C.F.R 54.520
- Iowa Code § 279.8
- 17 U.S. Code § 101 *et al.*
- 281 I.A.C. 12.3(12).

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INTERNET - APPROPRIATE STUDENT USE REGULATIONS

Student Use of Internet

- A. The Internet is available to all students within the school district through teacher access.
- B. Online Protocol.
 - 1. The use of the network is a privilege and may be taken away for violation of board policy or regulations. As a user of the Internet, students may be allowed access to other networks. Each network may have its own set of policies and procedures. It is the user's responsibility to abide by the policies and procedures of these other networks.
 - 2. Students should adhere to online protocol:
 - a. Respect all copyright and license agreements.
 - b. Cite all quotes, references and sources.
 - c. Remain on the system long enough to get needed information, then exit the system.
 - d. Apply the same privacy, ethical and educational considerations utilized in other forms of communication.
 - 3. Student access for electronic mail will be through (*the supervising teacher's account/their own account*). Students should adhere to the following guidelines:
 - a. Others may be able to read or access the mail so private messages should not be sent.
 - b. Delete unwanted messages immediately.
 - c. Use of objectionable language is prohibited.
 - d. Always sign messages.
- C. Restricted Material - Students will not intentionally access or download any text file or picture or engage in any conference that includes material which is obscene, libelous, indecent, vulgar, profane or lewd; advertises any product or service not permitted to minors by law; constitutes insulting or fighting words, the very expression of which injures or harasses others; or presents a clear and present likelihood that, either because of its content or the manner of distribution, it will cause a material and substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities, will cause the commission of unlawful acts or the violation of lawful school regulations.
- D. Unauthorized Costs - If a student gains access to any service via the Internet which has a cost involved or if a student incurs other types of costs, the student accessing such a service will be responsible for those costs.