TECHNOLOGY USAGE POLICY

The Adrian Public Schools encourages and strongly promotes the use of technology among students, staff and community members. Individuals who use technology must have proper authorization and adhere to district policies and regulations.

Computers and the district-area network are provided for students and staff to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to such will be provided to students and staff who shall act in a considerate and responsible manner.

Communication over networks should not be considered private. Network supervision and maintenance may require review and inspection of directories or messages. Messages are sometimes diverted accidentally to a destination other than the one intended. Privacy in these communications is not guaranteed. The district reserves the right to access stored records in cases where there is reasonable cause.

In compliance with Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements, the district provides internet filtering software and staff supervision to monitor inappropriate material and/or visual depictions for all district network users which includes but is not limited to: (a) access by any user to obscene and child pornography material; (b) access by minors to inappropriate and/or harmful matter on the internet; (c) the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; (d) unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking,” and other unlawful activities by minors online; (e) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and (f) restricting minors’ access to materials harmful to them.

The District shall educate minors about appropriate on-line behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber-bullying awareness and response.
Individuals who use district technology are expected to sign and adhere to the employee or student Technology Usage Regulation.

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