

Digital Citizenship and Safety Education

The Superintendent will ensure that District students are educated on network etiquette and appropriate online behavior, including cyber-bullying awareness, digital citizenship, and online safety. Instruction will be given to students at the secondary level as appropriate to the educational and developmental needs of students.

The District may make use of the Idaho Attorney General's online safety program, titled Protecteens, which addresses online safety and cyber-bullying, in classroom discussions about digital citizenship, responsible online behavior, and consequences. The District may also make use of other materials on digital citizenship such as those found at CommonSenseMedia.org.

The Superintendent will ensure that teachers, administrators and other staff members responsible for supervising students' internet use receive professional development, training, and resources in the following areas:

1. Monitoring of student online activities;
2. Instruction of students in proper network etiquette;
3. Instruction of students in discerning among online information sources and appropriate materials;
4. Bullying and cyber-bullying awareness and response, in accordance with the District's bullying policy; and
5. Instruction of students on appropriate interaction in social networking websites and chat rooms.

The District may use the following methods of providing instruction on appropriate online behavior and cyber-bullying awareness:

1. Incorporation of instruction into course objectives or daily lessons of planned instruction, as appropriate;
2. Class assemblies or special instruction given in the school library or media center;
3. Special technology courses that are required for students at various grade levels;
4. Online tutorial programs required for students to use a district network account; and

The Internet Safety Coordinator or their designee will also make resources available to parents/guardians on teaching students about acceptable internet use, appropriate online behavior, network etiquette, cyber-bullying awareness and response, and appropriate use of social networking websites and chat rooms.

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Menacing

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