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ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP) APPLYING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORKED COMPUTER SERVICES

CODE: G11

POLICY

The Board of Directors of Pomfret School recognizes the importance and the significant educational benefits of access to information technology and to networked computer services. The purpose of providing access to the Internet and other electronic information resources is to support the schools' mission.

In spite of the implementation of federally required filtering, a user may happen upon inappropriate sites. Therefore, users must exercise good judgment when accessing specific sites. It is the intent of this policy that all users will access materials and information in a responsible and ethical manner.

Accessing electronic information resources using networked computer services or any electronic device on the campus of Pomfret School in an inappropriate manner may result in restriction of access, disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution.

School principals, in consultation with the superintendent, will be responsible for establishing procedures governing access to and use of information technology and networked computer services consistent with the provisions of this policy. The procedures will address use by faculty, staff, and guest users, as well as students.

LIABILITY

Pomfret School make no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied, for the use of information technology and/or networked computer services it provides. Pomfret School shall not be held responsible for any damages users incur, including, but not limited to, loss of data.

Date Warned: **February 13, 2007**

Date Adopted: **March 20, 2007**

Legal Reference(s): 15 U.S.C. §6501 (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act)
17 U.S.C. §§101-120 (Federal Copyright Act of 1976 as amended)
18 U.S.C. §2510 (Electronic Communications Privacy Act)
18 U.S.C. §2251 (Federal Child Pornography Law)
47 U.S.C. §230 (Computer Decency Act)
13 V.S.A. §§2802 et seq. (Obscenity, minors)