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## **RESPONSIBLE COMPUTER, INTERNET, & NETWORK USE**

## **Policy**

It is the policy of Mountain Views Supervisory Union (MVSU) and the Mountain Views School District ("the District") to provide students and staff access to a multitude of information technology (IT) resources, including the internet. These resources provide opportunities to enhance learning and improve communication within our community and with the global community beyond.

## **Implementation**

The same rules and expectations govern student use of IT resources as apply to other student conduct and communications, including but not limited to MVSU's/the District's harassment and bullying policies.

MVSU's/the District's computer and network resources are the property of MVSU/the District. Users shall have no expectation of privacy in anything they create, store, send, receive or display on or over MVSU's/the district's computers or network resources, including personal files and electronic communications.

The superintendent is responsible for establishing procedures governing use of IT resources consistent with the provisions of this policy. These procedures must include:

- 1. An annual process for educating students about responsible digital citizenship.
- 2. Provisions necessary to ensure that Internet service providers and other contractors comply with applicable restrictions on the collection and disclosure of student data and any other confidential information stored in district electronic resources.
- 3. Technology protection measures that provide for the monitoring and filtering of online activities by all users of MVSU/District IT, including measures that protect against access to content that is obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors.
- 4. Methods to address the following:
  - a. Control of access by minors to sites on the Internet that include inappropriate content.
  - b. The safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, social media sites, and other forms of direct electronic communications.
  - c. Prevention of unauthorized online access by minors, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities.
  - d. Unauthorized disclosure, use, dissemination of personal information regarding minors.
  - e. Restriction of minors' access to materials harmful to them.

## **Policy Application**

This policy applies to anyone who accesses MVSU's/the District's network, collaboration and communication tools, and/or student information systems either on-site or via a remote location, and anyone who uses MVSU's/the District's IT devices either on or off-site.

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