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SUBJECT: USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES AND INTERNET CONTENT FILTERING/SAFETY POLICY

The Board of Education will provide access to various computerized information resources through the District's computer system ("DCS" hereafter) consisting of software, hardware, computer networks and electronic communications systems. This may include access to electronic mail, so-called "on-line services" and the "Internet". It may include the opportunity for some students to have independent access to the DCS from their home or other remote locations. All use of the DCS, including independent use off school premises, shall be subject to this policy and accompanying regulations. The District respects the right of each family to decide whether or not to apply for independent computer access. Further, all such use must be in support of education and/or research and consistent with the goals and purposes of the School District.

In compliance with The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the District has adopted and will enforce this Internet safety policy that ensures the use of technology protection measures (i.e., filtering or blocking of access to certain material on the Internet) on all District computers with Internet access. Once this filtering/blocking technology is in place, newly acquired computers with Internet access used by elementary or secondary students must be linked to this technology within 10 days of installation. Such technology protection measures apply to Internet access by both adults and minors with regard to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or, with respect to the use of computers by minors, considered harmful to such students. Further, appropriate monitoring of online activities of minors, as determined by the building/program supervisor, will also be enforced to ensure the safety of students when accessing the Internet.

Further, the Board of Education's decision to utilize technology protection measures and other safety procedures for staff and students when accessing the Internet fosters the educational mission of the schools including the selection of appropriate teaching/instructional materials and activities to enhance the schools' programs; and to help ensure the safety of personnel and students while online.

However, no filtering technology can guarantee that staff and students will be prevented from accessing all inappropriate locations. Proper safety procedures, as deemed appropriate by the applicable administrator/program supervisor, will be provided to ensure compliance with the CIPA.

In addition to the use of technology protection measures, the monitoring of online activities and access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web *may* include, but shall not be limited to, the following guidelines:

students are accessing the Internet including, but not limited to, the supervision of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications. As determined by the appropriate building administrator, the use of e-

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The School District shall provide certification, pursuant to the requirements of CIPA, to document the District's adoption and enforcement of its Internet Safety Policy, including the operation and enforcement of technology protection measures (i.e., blocking/filtering of access to certain material on the Internet) for all School District computers with Internet access.

Student use of the DCS is conditioned upon written agreement by all students and their parents/guardians that student use of the DCS will conform to the requirements of this policy and any regulations adopted to insure acceptable use of the DCS. All such agreements shall be kept on file in the District Office, or Principal's Office at the appropriate school.

Generally, the same standards of acceptable student conduct which apply to any school activity shall apply to use of the DCS. This policy does not attempt to articulate all required and/or acceptable uses of the DCS; nor is the intention of this policy to define all inappropriate usage. Administrative regulations will further define general guidelines of appropriate student conduct and use as well as proscribed behavior.

District students shall also adhere to the laws, policies and rules governing computers including, but not limited to, copyright laws, rights of software publishers, license agreements, and student rights or privacy created by federal and state law.

Students who engage in unacceptable use may lose access to the DCS in accordance with applicable due process procedures, and may be subject to further discipline under the District's school conduct and discipline policy and the Student Discipline Code of Conduct. The District reserves the right to pursue legal action against a student who willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damages or destroys property of the District. Further, the District may bring suit in civil court against the parents/guardians or any student who willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damages or destroys district property pursuant to General Obligations Law Section 3-112.

Student data files and other electronic storage areas will be treated like school lockers. This means that such areas shall be considered to be School District property subject to control and inspection. The computer coordinator may access all such files and communications to insure system integrity and that users are complying with the requirements of this policy and accompanying regulations. Students should NOT expect that information stored on the DCS will be private.

Regulations will be established as necessary to implement the terms of this policy.

Adopted: 10/21/96

Revised: 10/22/01

**MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
INTERNET CODE OF ETHICS AND STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERS**

All users of electronic information sources such as the Internet are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided and to follow the rules and regulations of the school district providing these resources.

Responsible, ethical use of the Internet includes:

1. Using the Internet for educational and informational purposes only; not for recreational, unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes.
2. Not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others; not seeking unauthorized access to any computer system; or damaging or altering software components of any network or database.
3. Not sending, receiving or displaying text or graphics which may be construed as obscene.

I acknowledge and understand that by engaging in unacceptable use that I may lose access to the District Computer System (DCS) in accordance with applicable due process procedures, and may be subject to further discipline under the District's school conduct and policy and the Student Discipline Code of Conduct.

In consideration for the privilege of using the DCS, I agree that I have been provided with a copy of the District's policy on student use of computerized information resources and the regulation (Regulation #7426) established in connection with that policy. I agree to adhere to the policy and regulations as adopted by the Board of Education. I also agree to adhere to related policies published in the Student Code of Conduct.

Student Name : (PLEASE PRINT)

Student ID Number

Grade Level

Student Signature: _____

Signature of MS and HS students only

Date: _____

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I am the parent/legal guardian of _____, the minor student who has signed the District's agreement for student use of computerized information resources. I have read and understand the district's policy and regulations concerning the use of the DCS.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature : _____

Date: _____

Attached: Internet Filtering Policy #8000, Use of Computerized Information Resources and Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy #7426