

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

### Series 600

POLICY TITLE INTERNET ACCESS PERMISSION LETTER TO PARENTS No. 605.6E1

Digital communications and other new technologies shift the ways that information and media may be accessed, communicated and transferred by members of society. Digital resources and tools are an integral part of instruction and student learning. The Johnston Community School District supports access by students and staff to rich information resources along with the development of appropriate skills to analyze and evaluate such resources.

Digital Citizenship is the responsible use of information and technology. Safe, ethical and legal use of technology is a district and personal responsibility. Users are expected to advocate and practice:

- Rules of the institution (Responsible Use Agreement provided in Policy 605.6R1)
- Etiquette, standards of conduct, cyberbullying
- Personal safety, security, knowledge of digital footprint
- Intellectual property, copyright, and plagiarism
- Legal and ethical behavior

*Digital citizenship* is an important focus in our students' learning. All students will be informed of their digital citizenship responsibilities and their rights and responsibilities as users of the district's network/technology resources, either as an individual user or as a member of a class or group (*Policy 605.6 Internet Appropriate Use-Technology Responsible Use*). Teachers and staff will model and provide learning opportunities for students related to digital citizenship.

Parents and guardians of minors are ultimately responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using digital media, technology and information sources. To that end, the Johnston Community School District supports and respects each family's right to decide the level of technology access for their student. Student use of the Internet will be permitted unless a written request is made by the minor student's parent or guardian to not allow such access at school.

Policy 605.6R1 Internet Appropriate Use Regulations (Technology Responsible Use Regulations) includes technology vision, goals, curriculum resources, digital citizenship expectations and unaccepted ethics/behaviors, access privileges, sanctions, security, and warranties. Students acknowledge the policy by reviewing and initialing statements on an agreement form, which is kept on file at the school building.

Policy 605.6 Internet Appropriate Use-(Technology Responsible Use) and Policy 605.6R1 Internet Appropriate Use Regulations (Technology Responsible Use Regulations) is available as a link on the district website.

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