

# INTERNET USE BY STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS

## POLICY

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Access to the Internet will provide students and educators with:

- electronic mail communication
- information and news services
- public domain and shareware software of all types
- discussion groups on a variety of subjects
- connections to many libraries, companies, agencies, and businesses

With connections to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of appropriate educational value.

The Board, pursuant to state statute, requires when a school district library offers use of the internet or a computer, computer program, computer network, or computer system to the public, that access to minors be restricted. The district shall utilize a system or method that is designed to prevent a minor from viewing obscene matter or sexually explicit matter. To accomplish this, a library may use passwords and/or filters that restrict internet access for those under 18 years of age.)

Students, parents, and staff members, therefore, are to be provided acceptable use guidelines approved by the Superintendent and agree to conditions, rules, and regulations before having access to the Internet at Fitzgerald.

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