

Section: **INSTRUCTION**

Policy Title: **Electronic Information System (Networks)**

The Board of Directors recognizes that the Kelso School District is implementing an electronic communications system (network) that will allow unprecedented opportunities for students, staff and patrons to communicate, learn, access and publish information. The Board believes that the resources available through this network and the skills that students will develop in using it are a tool in the learning process and student success in the future. These new opportunities also pose many new challenges including, but not limited to, access for all students, age-level appropriateness of material, security, and cost of maintaining ever more elaborate systems. The district will endeavor to ensure that these concerns are appropriately addressed, but cannot insure that problems will not arise.

By creating this network, the Board intends only to provide a means for educational activities and does not intend to create a first amendment forum for free expression purposes. The District dedicates the property comprising the network, and grants access to it by users, only for the educational activities authorized under this policy and regulations and under the specific limitations contained therein.

The Board directs the Superintendent to provide training and procedures that encourage the widest possible access to electronic information systems and networks by students, staff and patrons while establishing reasonable controls for the lawful, efficient and appropriate use and management of the system.

Cross References: Policy 2020 Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials
Policy 2025 Copyright Compliance
Policy 3241 Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
Policy 5281 Disciplinary Action and Discharge

Legal Reference: 18 USC §§ 2510-2522 Electronic Communication Privacy Act

Management Resources: Policy News, August 1998 Permission required to review e-mail

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