

Acceptable use of Information Technology and Internet Safety (Policies 5014/6009)

Information technology, such as the Internet, is the major global platform for education, research, public service, business, and information that makes it possible to share information and resources quickly and easily. The networks are owned by commercial, research, governmental, and educational organizations as well as individuals, and contain continually changing information.

Kenosha Technology Enhanced Curriculum (KTEC) High School provides students access to information technology to further the educational goals and objectives of KTEC High School. Information technology enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, research facilities, and bulletin boards.

Consistent with applicable federal laws, KTEC High School believes that the best approach to student safety as it relates to use of the Internet and other electronic resources involves a combination of technology protection measures, monitoring and instruction. KTEC High School's comprehensive approach to student Internet/technology safety shall consider the differing ages and instructional levels of the students in KTEC High School.

It shall be the responsibility of the CEO/Principal or designee to:

1. Ensure that KTEC High's systems and equipment that provide access to the Internet make active use of technology protection measures designed to block or filter Internet access to visual depictions that are:
 - a. obscene;
 - b. pornographic; or
 - c. otherwise, harmful to minors.

Filtering, blocking or other protective technologies will also be used to decrease the likelihood that student users of KTEC High's systems and equipment might access other materials or communications, other than visual depictions, that are inappropriate for students.

2. Develop and implement procedures that provide for the monitoring of students' and other authorized users' activities when using KTEC High-provided equipment or KTEC High-provided network access or Internet access. Such monitoring may sometimes take the form of direct supervision of students' and minors' online activity by school personnel, but KTEC High recognizes that constant, direct supervision is not a practical expectation.
3. Develop and implement an instructional program that is designed to educate students about acceptable and responsible use of technology and safe and appropriate online behavior, including (a) safety and security issues that arise in connection with various forms of electronic communication (such as e-mail, instant messaging, and similar technologies); (b) interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms; and (c) cyberbullying awareness and response. Such educational activities shall include (but shall not consist exclusively of) reinforcement of the provisions of KTEC High's rules regarding students' acceptable and responsible use of technology while at school.

4. Maintain, revise, and enforce rules and procedures concerning the acceptable, safe, and responsible use of KTEC High's Internet access infrastructure and other technology related KTEC High resources by any person who is authorized to use KTEC High's systems and equipment, including any student, employee, or other authorized user. These rules and procedures shall:
- a. Address and prohibit the unauthorized collection, disclosure, use and dissemination of personal and personally identifiable information regarding students and minors, as particularly applicable to technology-based resources;
 - b. Address employees' obligations regarding the proper retention of KTEC High records, maintaining the confidentiality of student records, and avoiding inappropriate disclosures of KTEC High records;
 - c. Prohibit unauthorized user access to systems, networks, and data;
 - d. Prohibit the use of KTEC High resources to access and/or transmit inappropriate material via the Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of electronic communications;
 - e. Provide notice to users that there is no KTEC High-created expectation of privacy in their use of KTEC High technology resources. Accordingly, except where prohibited by state or federal law: (1) KTEC High reserves the ability to track, monitor, and access all data, files, communications, or other material that users create, store, send, delete, receive, or display on or over KTEC High's Internet connection, network resources, file servers, computers or other equipment; and (2) all aspects of any individual's use of KTEC High's technology-related equipment and resources, including any online activities that make use of KTEC High-provided Internet access, may be monitored and tracked by KTEC High officials; and
 - f. Provide notice to users regarding possible consequences for violations of the policies, rules and procedures that govern the acceptable, safe, and responsible use of KTEC High's technology-related resources.

KTEC High may approve modified levels of Internet filtering/blocking for an individual user account provided that there is a legitimate educational purpose and any changes in access will not compromise the overall adequacy of protections that are in place for student users.

Legal Reference: Sections 118.001 Wisconsin Statutes
 120.13
 121.02 (1) (h)
 943.70
 947.0125
 Title 17 U.S. Code
 Children's Internet Protection Act
 Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (as amended)
 Children's Online Privacy Act
 Broadband Data Improvement Act of 2008

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