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District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks

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11 General

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13 The District makes Internet access and interconnected computer systems available to District
14 students and faculty. The District provides electronic networks, including access to the Internet,
15 as part its instructional program and to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource
16 sharing, innovation, and communication.

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18 The District expects all students to take responsibility for appropriate and lawful use of this
19 access, including good behavior on-line. The District may withdraw student access to its
20 network and to the Internet when any misuse occurs. District teachers and other staff will make
21 reasonable efforts to supervise use of network and Internet access; however, student cooperation
22 is vital in exercising and promoting responsible use of this access.

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24 Curriculum

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26 Use of District electronic networks will be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the
27 District, as well as with varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental
28 levels of students, and will comply with selection criteria for instructional materials and library
29 materials. Staff members may use the Internet throughout the curriculum, consistent with the
30 District’s educational goals.

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32 Acceptable Uses

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34 1. Educational Purposes Only. All use of the District’s electronic network must be: (1) in
35 support of education and/or research, and in furtherance of the District’s stated
36 educational goals; or (2) for a legitimate school business purpose. Use is a privilege, not
37 a right. Students and staff members have no expectation of privacy in any materials that
38 are stored, transmitted, or received via the District’s electronic network or District
39 computers. The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review, and store, at
40 any time and without prior notice, any and all usage of the computer network and Internet
41 access and any and all information transmitted or received in connection with such usage.

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43 2. Unacceptable Uses of Network. The following are considered unacceptable uses and
44 constitute a violation of this policy:

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46 A. Uses that violate the law or encourage others to violate the law, including but not
47 limited to transmitting offensive or harassing messages; offering for sale or use

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2 any substance the possession or use of which is prohibited by the District’s student
3 discipline policy; viewing, transmitting, or downloading pornographic materials or
4 materials that encourage others to violate the law; intruding into
5 the networks or computers of others; and downloading or transmitting
6 confidential, trade secret information, or copyrighted materials.

7 B. Uses that cause harm to others or damage to their property, including but not
8 limited to engaging in defamation (harming another’s reputation by lies);
9 employing another’s password or some other user identifier that misleads message
10 recipients into believing that someone other than you is communicating, or
11 otherwise using his/her access to the network or the Internet; uploading a worm,
12 virus, other harmful form of programming or vandalism; participating in
13 “hacking” activities or any form of unauthorized access to other computers,
14 networks, or other information.

15 C. Uses that jeopardize the security of student access and of the computer network or
16 other networks on the Internet.

17 D. Uses that are commercial transactions. Students and other users may not sell or
18 buy anything over the Internet. Students and others should not give information
19 to others, including credit card numbers and social security numbers.

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21 Warranties/Indemnification

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23 The District makes no warranties of any kind, express or implied, in connection with its
24 provision of access to and use of its computer networks and the Internet provided under this
25 policy. The District is not responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged, or
26 unavailable when using the network or for any information that is retrieved or transmitted via
27 the Internet. The District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting
28 from access to the Internet. Any user is fully responsible to the District and will indemnify and
29 hold the District, its trustees, administrators, teachers, and staff harmless from any and all loss,
30 costs, claims, or damages resulting from such user’s access to its computer network and the
31 Internet, including but not limited to any fees or charges incurred through purchase of goods or
32 services by a user. The District expects a user or, if a user is a minor, a user’s parents or legal
33 guardian to cooperate with the District in the event of its initiating an investigation of a user’s
34 use of access to its computer network and the Internet.
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36 Violations

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38 Violation of this policy will result in a loss of access and may result in other disciplinary or
39 legal action. The supervising teacher will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user
40 has violated this policy and any related rules or regulations and may deny, revoke, or suspend
41 access at any time, with that decision being final.
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Technology Equipment Discard Policy

The Technology Committee will determine when equipment should be replaced and make recommendations to the School Board. Computers and other technology equipment that is being replaced will be made available to those in the community who submit their names to the clerk within 30 days after the school posts the availability of such equipment. Students and school board members will be given first priority and then community members at large. If there are more requests for equipment than is available, the school will hold a drawing. Individuals will be notified by the clerk to pick up their equipment. If equipment is not picked up within 30 days the individual defaults his/her access to equipment and the discard process will occur again. The technology committee is responsible for making sure computers are purged of school records and/or student materials. The Yaak School makes no guarantee on any discarded technology equipment. If recipients of discarded equipment wish to make a donation to the school it will be gratefully accepted but is not required in order to receive discarded equipment.

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