

Electronic Resources

The Ephrata School Board of Directors recognizes that an effective public education system develops students who are globally aware, civically engaged, and capable of managing their lives and careers. The board also believes that students need to be proficient and safe users of information, media, and technology to succeed in a digital world.

Therefore, the district will use electronic resources as a powerful and compelling means for students to learn core subjects and applied skills in relevant and rigorous ways. It is the district's goal to provide students with rich and ample opportunities to use technology for important purposes in schools just as individuals in workplaces and other real-life settings use these tools. The district's technology will enable educators and students to communicate, learn, share, collaborate and create; to think and solve problems; to manage their work; and to take ownership of their lives.

To help ensure student safety and citizenship in online activities, all students will be educated about appropriate behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

The superintendent or designee will create strong electronic educational systems that support innovative teaching and learning, to provide appropriate staff development opportunities and to develop procedures to support this policy.

Cross References:	Board Policy 2020	Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials
	2025	Copyright Compliance
	3207	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
	3231	Student Records
	3241	Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
	4040	Public Access to District Records
	4400	Election Activities
	5281	Disciplinary Action and Discharge

Legal Reference:	18 USC §§ 2510-2522	Electronic Communication Privacy Act
	<u>Pub. L. No. 110-385</u>	<u>Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act</u>

Management Resources:	<u>Policy News, February 2012</u>	<u>Federal Guidance Requires Changes to Electronic Resources Policy</u>
	<i>Policy News</i> , June 2008	Electronic Resources
	<i>Policy News</i> , June 2001	Congress Requires Internet Blocking at School
	<i>Policy News</i> , August 1998	Permission required to review e-mail

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