

INSTRUCTION

6:235 Access to Electronic Networks

Electronic networks are a part of KASEC's instructional program and serve to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The term *electronic networks* includes all of KASEC's technology resources, including, but not limited to:

1. KASEC's local-area and wide-area networks, including wireless networks (Wi-Fi), KASEC-issued Wi-Fi hotspots, and any KASEC servers or other networking infrastructure;
2. Access to the Internet or other online resources via KASEC's networks or to any KASEC-issued online account from any computer or device, regardless of location;
3. KASEC-owned or KASEC-issued computers, laptops, tablets, phones, or similar devices.

The Executive Director shall develop an implementation plan for this policy and appoint system administrator(s).

KASEC is not responsible for any information that may be lost or damaged, or become unavailable when using the network, or for any information that is retrieved or transmitted via the Internet. Furthermore, KASEC will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

Curriculum and Appropriate Online Behavior

The use of KASEC's electronic networks shall: (1) be consistent with the curriculum adopted by KASEC as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the students, and (2) comply with the selection criteria for instructional materials and library resource center materials. Staff members may, consistent with the Executive Director's implementation plan, use the Internet throughout the curriculum.

KASEC's electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use.

Acceptable Use

All use of KASEC's electronic networks must be: (1) in support of education and/or research, and be in furtherance of the goals stated herein, or (2) for a legitimate school business purpose. Use is a privilege, not a right. Users of KASEC's electronic networks have no expectation of privacy in any material that is stored on, transmitted, or received via the KASEC's electronic networks. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using electronic networks. KASEC's administrative procedure, *Acceptable Use of KASEC's Electronic Networks*, contains the appropriate uses, ethics, and protocol. Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account but not erased, may be monitored or read by school officials.

Internet Safety

Technology protection measures shall be used on each KASEC computer with Internet access. They shall include a filtering device that protects against Internet access by both adults and minors to visual depictions that are: (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3) harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by federal law and as determined by the Director or designee. The Director or designee shall enforce the use of such filtering devices. An administrator, supervisor, or other authorized person may disable the filtering device for bona fide research or other lawful purpose, provided the person

receives prior permission from the Director or system administrator. The Director or designee shall include measures in this policy's implementation plan to address the following:

1. Ensure staff supervision of student access to online electronic networks,
2. Restrict student access to inappropriate matter as well as restricting access to harmful materials,
3. Ensure student and staff privacy, safety, and security when using electronic communications,
4. Restrict unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities, and
5. Restrict unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information, such as, names and addresses.

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-Enabled Tools

The Board recognizes that AI-enabled tools are important to enhance student learning, educator effectiveness, and school operations. The use of AI-enabled tools in KASEC shall be implemented in a safe, ethical, and equitable manner and in accordance with Board policies 1:30, *KASEC Philosophy*, and 7:345, *Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security*.

To implement the use of AI-enabled tools in KASEC, the Director or designee shall:

1. Develop a KASEC-wide AI Plan that addresses KASEC's approach to the integration of AI;
2. Based on the KASEC-wide AI Plan, establish AI Responsible Use Guidelines to address the responsible use of AI in KASEC by students and staff;
3. Ensure that AI-enabled tools comply with State and federal law;
4. Ensure that staff receive training and students receive instruction on the use of AI, as appropriate; and
5. Review the KASEC's AI Plan and AI Responsible Use Guidelines on an annual basis and update them as needed.

Authorization for Electronic Network Access

Each staff member must sign the *Authorization for Access to KASEC's Electronic Networks* as a condition for using KASEC's electronic network. Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the *Authorization* before being granted unsupervised use.

Confidentiality

All users of KASEC's computers to access the Internet shall maintain the confidentiality of student records. Reasonable measures to protect against unreasonable access shall be taken before confidential student information is loaded onto the network.

Violations

The failure of any user to follow the terms of KASEC's administrative procedure, *Acceptable Use of KASEC's Electronic Networks*, or this policy, will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §7131, Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

47 U.S.C. §254(h) and (l), Children's Internet Protection Act.

47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart F, Universal Service Support for Schools and Libraries.

115 ILCS 5/14(c-5), III. Educational Labor Relations Act.

720 ILCS 5/26.5.

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:170 (Copyright), 6:210 (Instructional Materials), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools), 7:315 (Restrictions on Publications; High Schools), 7:345 (Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security)

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