

## Policy Statement

The Eastern School Board supports and recognizes the value and need for technology in education. All users of the Eastern School Board's information and communications technology (ICT) systems must adhere to respectful and appropriate use of ICT systems.

## Rationale

The Eastern School Board recognizes the value and need for technology in education and invests significant resources in the purchase, development and utilization of ICT for both the delivery of education and the administrative efficiency of Board operations while expecting users to conduct themselves in an acceptable manner. The Board's ICT network and the services offer valuable learning experiences for students as well as resources for trustees, teachers, and other Board personnel.

## Scope

This policy applies to all users of Eastern School Board ICT systems whether access to the Eastern School Board ICT system is gained from inside or outside of the Board's facilities.

## Procedures

1. The Eastern School District will establish Administrative Regulations that govern the application of this policy.
2. The Administrative Regulations will be reviewed by the CEO/Director of Education in collaboration with the Administrative Council.
3. All users must sign an Acceptable Use Agreement which defines access, expectations of use and penalties/consequences of improper use.
4. The Eastern School Board, its schools and agents, have the right, but not the obligation, to monitor all computer use (both student and adult) to ensure compliance with the regulations and expectations set forth in this policy.
5. The Eastern School Board's networks are intended for educational purposes. Reasonable recreational and other personal uses shall be allowed, provided such use does not interfere with educational use or contravene articles of this policy.

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6. Eastern School District reserves the right to block, limit or disallow any application, addresses, or protocols deemed inappropriate and/or that place a burden upon the district's ICT infrastructure.
7. Users of Eastern School District ICT infrastructure are expected to behave as they would in any other environment where they represent their school/Board. Users are to conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner in accordance with the standards of the Board.

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