

# SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Section	PROGRAM	
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## POLICY

It is the policy of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board to ensure that the Internet and Information Technology are used to support learning in a manner that is consistent with the Board mission statement, vision statement, and education goals. The Superior-Greenstone District School Board (the "Board") is committed to establishing guidelines and expectations regarding the ethical and responsible use of the Internet and Information Technology

## DEFINITIONS

**"information technology"** refers to all forms of technology used to create, store, exchange, and use information in its various forms (data, audio, still images, motion pictures, multimedia presentations, and other forms, including those not yet conceived).

**"internet"** means an electronic communications system, including generative artificial intelligence platforms, connecting computers all over the world through which individual subscribers can interact and share information.

**"unlawful activity"** see Appendix A

## GUIDELINES

- 1.0 Teachers shall provide students with instruction on the appropriate use of the internet and the protocols for the use of electronic mail and instant messaging. If other electronic communications methods are to be used, they shall be accompanied by instruction on appropriate use and associated risks. Teachers shall advise students that the Board will, from time to time and without prior notice to the student, access and/or monitor the Board's Electronic Information Systems.
- 2.0 Teachers shall ensure that students accessing the internet do so as part of an instructional plan.
- 3.0 The Board reserves the right to monitor the Board's electronic information systems. The Board may access and/or monitor these systems at any time without prior notice.
- 4.0 Failure to comply with the Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement may result in the loss of computer/network privileges, financial compensation to the Board, pursuance of criminal charges, and/or other disciplinary action consistent with the School Code of Behaviour, Board Code of Conduct, Board Policy, and/or the Education Act.

- 5.0 The Board shall use technology to further educational goals and infuse technology into the classroom.
- 6.0 All users shall respect the need of others to work in an environment that is conducive to learning and teaching, including by ensuring that cellphones and other personal mobile devices are only used during instructional time for educational purposes (as directed by an educator), for health and medical purposes and/or to support special education needs in accordance with PPM 128.-

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix A: Unlawful Activity

### **References:**

Policy 520 Safe Schools Code of Conduct  
Policy 520 Safe Schools Code of Conduct/Police & School Protocol Management Guideline  
Policy 535 Progressive Discipline and School Safety  
Policy 535 Progressive Discipline and School Safety Management Guideline  
Policy 607, Electronic Communications System  
Policy 608, Computer Network Security  
The Education Act  
The Libel and Slander Act, RSO 1990, Chapter L.12.  
The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act  
PPM 128



<b>Unlawful Activity</b>
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For the purpose of this policy, “**unlawful activity**” is interpreted broadly and includes any criminal activity or other illegal activity.

The following are examples of “**unlawful activity**” for the purpose of the policy:

<b>Child Pornography</b>	Possessing, downloading or distributing any child pornography.
<b>Intellectual Property</b>	Infringing on another person’s copyright, trademark, trade secret of any other property without lawful permission.
<b>Other Criminal Activity</b>	Using electronic transmission as a means to commit criminal activity (examples include but are not limited to fraud, extortion, sale and/or purchase of restricted goods)
<b>Defamatory Libel</b>	A matter published without lawful justification or excuse, that is likely to injure the reputation of any person by exposing that person to hatred, contempt or ridicule, or that is designed to insult the person. <i>The Libel and Slander Act, RSO 1990, Chapter L.12.</i>
<b>Disclosing or Gathering Personal Information</b>	Disclosing personal information in a manner inconsistent with the <i>Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> .
<b>Hacking and Other Crimes Related to Computer System</b>	Examples include (but are not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• gaining unauthorized access to a computer system</li> <li>• trying to defeat the security features of network connected devices</li> <li>• use of software and/or hardware designed to intercept, capture and/or decrypt passwords</li> <li>• intentionally spreading a computer virus</li> <li>• destroying or encrypting data without authorization and with the intent of making it inaccessible to others with a lawful need to access it.</li> <li>• interfering with other’s lawful use of data and technology</li> </ul>
<b>Harassment</b>	Sending electronic messages, without lawful authority, that causes people to fear for their safety or the safety of anyone known to them.
<b>Hate Propaganda</b>	Communicating messages that promote or incite hatred against an identifiable group that is likely to lead to a breach of the peace.
<b>Interception of Private Communications or Electronic Mail (in transit)</b>	Unlawfully intercepting someone’s private communications or unlawfully intercepting someone’s electronic mail.
<b>Obscenity</b>	Distributing, publishing or possessing for the purpose of distributing or publicly displaying any obscene material.