Catskill Central School District

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TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY

The Board of Education is committed to optimizing student learning and teaching. The Board considers student access to a computer network, including the Internet, to be a powerful and valuable educational and research tool, and encourages the use of computers and technology in district classrooms solely for the purpose of advancing and promoting learning and teaching.

The network can provide a forum for learning various software applications and through online databases, bulletin boards and electronic mail, can significantly enhance educational experiences and provide statewide, national and global communication opportunities for staff and students.

All users of the district's computer network and the Internet must understand that use is a privilege, not a right, and that use entails responsibility. The District reserves the right to monitor use of the district's network and the Internet as part of its responsibility to maintain the district's network and supervise its use. Communications over the district's network should not be considered private and there is no expectation of privacy in its use.

This policy applies to any student, staff member or other user who gains access to the District's network and/or the internet via District computer equipment and/or access lines in the District. This includes any remote access which such users may gain from off-site, but which involves the use of District sites, servers, intranet facilities, e-mail accounts or software.

The Superintendent of Schools shall establish regulations governing the use and security of the district's computer network. All users of the district's network and equipment shall comply with this policy and those regulations. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, suspension and/or revocation of computer access privileges as well as legal action as appropriate.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for designating a Director of Technology to oversee the use of district technology resources. The Director of Technology will prepare in-service programs for the training and development of district staff in computer skills, and for the incorporation of computer use in appropriate subject areas.

The Superintendent, working in conjunction with the designated purchasing agent for the district, the Director of Technology and the instructional materials planning committee, will be responsible for the purchase and distribution of computer software and hardware throughout district schools, including laptops for students as approved by the Board. They shall prepare and submit for the Board's approval a comprehensive multi-year technology plan which shall be revised as necessary to reflect changing technology and/or district needs.

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