

Foster School District

Policy # 6163.2

Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy

The opportunities for learning, recreation and communication provided by the Internet are limitless. However, it is also true that there are many sites that are unsuitable or even harmful for children. It is Captain Isaac Paine School's goal to protect children from such material.

Students will be supervised by an adult at all times when using the Internet at school.

Students will access only those sites that have been previously reviewed by staff and deemed appropriate for student use.

The Foster School District will use a content filtering system to protect students from inappropriate sites. This filtering system filters and blocks inappropriate sites so that students will not be able to access them.

1. Content Filtering will be provided by RINET, which is operated by the State and is the Internet provider for Paine School.
2. Local filtering policies will be set and filtering configurations will be controlled and maintained by authorized personnel at Paine School.

Student work will be posted on the Internet only with written permission from the parents/guardians. Parents/Guardians will have the option of not having their child's work published at all on the Internet, having it published without a name, or published with the first name only. A permission form will be available for this purpose.

Student photos will not be published on the Internet.

Storage media from outside of the District's network may only be used after the device has been scanned and found to be free of viruses and other malware and after the content has been approved by a teacher or the building Principal.

Parents are strongly encouraged to supervise their children's use of the Internet at home. Although there are filtering features on many of the Internet Browsers, parent supervision is still needed to guard against the access of inappropriate sites by their children. The best way to ensure that children have a good Internet experience at home is to stay in touch with what they are doing and to spend time with them when they are online.

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