

The Vanguard School

POLICY: Vanguard IIAE – Access to Networked Information Resources

POLICY ADOPTED: 2-27-17

The Board of Directors is committed to connecting teachers, administrators, and support staff with each other and with resources around the world for improved collaboration and fast access to current information. Similarly, the Board is committed to providing access to information and resources for all our students. Students not only need access to valuable information from around the world, they need to develop the abilities to locate, access, evaluate, and apply current information.

In pursuit of these commitments, the Board has approved the implementation of a computer network which interconnects all school facilities. Furthermore, the school shall provide access to the Internet via this network. As facilities allow, staff and students will be offered access to computers connected to this network. The Executive Director, or his designee, shall develop rules, regulations, guidelines, and procedures for the use of networked resources. Network and Internet use are privileges the Board wants to offer staff and students, but these privileges are subject to certain standards of use.

Anyone desiring independent access to the network and the Internet must complete and submit an application for initial access. An approved application will serve as a contract for independent use of the school's Internet connection, and it will signify the user's acceptance of any terms and conditions published now or later by The Vanguard School. In accordance with the School Discipline Policy, the Board authorizes the Executive Director or his designee(s) to withhold or withdraw Internet privileges and/or network access from any user or prospective user due to access or use of services which does not comply with the terms and conditions for such access or utilization.

Stored files, electronic mail, and other communications via the network are not guaranteed to be private. In the performance of regular system maintenance and management activities, system operators employed by the school may have occasional need to view and even delete materials being transmitted by network users. The school reserves the right to examine and/or purge stored files at any time.

The Vanguard School makes no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, that the functions, services, or performance provided by or through the school networks will be error-free or without defect. The school will not be responsible for any damage users may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The school is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system, nor will it be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations incurred through the use of the system.