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SALEM PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY and MEDIA

The Salem School Committee recognizes the importance of technology and electronic media to contemporary education, and holds that their use is essential to the day-to-day administrative operations of schools. The Committee sees these media as tools to foster learning and as an integral part of the functioning of contemporary society. The Committee further recognizes, however, that the power of this technology brings with it certain responsibilities and risks for those who use it.

The Committee therefore establishes that any use of the Salem Public Schools' technology and electronic media be permitted only after the prospective user, whether the user is a student or an employee, has read and signed a Responsible Use Agreement for the use of the District's technology and electronic media. Any person signing a Salem Public Schools Responsible Use Agreement shall ensure that the uses to which that individual puts the district's electronic technology, including Internet access in school facilities, shall be consistent with the mission of the Salem Public Schools.

The Superintendent of Schools shall see to the drafting of Responsible Use Agreements appropriate to the age and role of the technology and electronic media user. The School Committee shall review and approve the Responsible Use Agreements that are utilized in the Salem Public Schools.

All materials produced and communications recorded in any fashion using Salem Public Schools technology are covered by the Massachusetts Public Records Law (MGL c. 4 § 7, c. 66 § 10), and may be subject to production pursuant to the provisions of the Public Records Law.

References

MGL c. 4 § 7, c. 66 § 10

Policy 5805 , Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Policy 5401.01, Anti-Bullying and Cyber-Bullying

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