

Corsica-Stickney School Policy

Use of Computers & Networks

Access to the internet is available to students and teachers of the school district to use for educational and administrative purposes. The goal of the district through online resources is to promote educational teaching and learning by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication within our own community, our nation and worldwide. The use of all technology resources is a privilege, not a right.

With the access of online resources comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The district shall make every effort to restrict access by adults and minors to inappropriate materials, yet it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. The district will maintain a technology protection measure by way of web content filters or blocks to limit minors' ability to access obscene matter or materials on the Internet when using the District's network or device.

For the purposes of this policy, obscene matter or materials is defined as material:

- The dominant theme of which, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest, which is a shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex, or excretion, which goes substantially beyond customary limits of candor in description or representation of such matters; and
- Patently offensive because it affronts contemporary community standards relating to the description or representation of sado-masochistic abuse or sexual conduct; and
- Lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

Internet users, like traditional library users, are responsible for their actions in accessing online resources.

The administration will formulate the necessary regulations to carry out the policy of acceptable Internet use and the consequences if violations occur. The regulations shall insure proper use of district networks and the Internet by students, staff members, and members of the community.

This policy will be published on the district's website and/or annually published in the district's designated newspaper.

Any determination made by the school board as to whether any matter or material is obscene may be subject to judicial review court of competent jurisdiction.

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Instruction/Library Selection Material

The Board believes that materials appropriate to the needs of the school program must be available to each student and teacher. These will be furnished by the Board subject to budgetary constraints.

The task of selecting instructional/library materials and programs will be delegated to the professional staff of the school system.

INSTRUCTIONAL/LIBRARY MATERIAL CRITERIA

Because instructional/library programs and materials are of great importance, only those that meet the following criteria will be approved by the Board:

1. They must present balanced views of international, national, and local issues and problems of the past, present and future.
2. They must provide materials that stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic, and ethical values.
3. They must help students develop abilities in critical reading and thinking.
4. They must help develop and foster an appreciation of cultural diversity and development in the United States and throughout the world.
5. They must provide for all students an effective basic education that does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, religion, national origin, sex, or physical disabilities.
6. They must allow sufficient flexibility for meeting the special needs of individual students and groups of students.
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The District will not select obscene instructional matter or materials. For the purposes of this policy, obscene matter or materials is defined as material:

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These policies are connected in the Corsica-Stickney Computer use policy, laptop handbook, and curriculum/library selection policy. Approved 7-14-2025	