

**TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Tolland, Connecticut**

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BOARD POLICY

REGARDING: Student Use of the District's Computer  
Systems and Internet Safety

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Students

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Computers, computer networks, Internet access, and e-mail are effective and important technological resources in today's educational environment. The Board of Education has installed computers, a computer network, including Internet access and an e-mail system (referred to collectively as "the computer systems"), in order to enhance both the educational opportunities for our students and the business operations of the district.

These computer systems are business and educational tools. As such, they are made available to students in the district for education related uses. The Administration shall develop regulations setting forth procedures to be used by the Administration in an effort to ensure that such computer systems are used by students solely for education related purposes. The board will educate minor students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber-bullying awareness and response. Additionally, the Board will implement a technology protection measure to block or filter internet access to visual depictions that contain obscene material, contain child pornography, or are harmful to minors and ensure that such filtering technology is operative during computer use by minor students.

As the owner of the computer systems, the Board reserves the right to monitor the use of the district's computers and computer systems.

Legal References:

Children's Internet Protection Act, Pub. L. 106-554, Codified at 47 U.S.C.  
& 254(H)  
Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 53a-182b; 53a-183; 53a-250  
Electronic Communication Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C §§2510 through  
2520

No Child Left Behind Act Of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, Codified at 20 U.S.C.  
§ 6777

Protecting Children In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act. Pub. Law 110-385, Codified  
At 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(5)(b)(lii)