

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM

DATE: May 26, 2005

SUBJECT: Board Policy 815-Acceptable Use of internet

INITIATED BY: Paul Fritz, Business Manager

DESCRIPTION:

Adoption of revised Policy 815-Acceptable Use of Internet

(Board Policy Formulation is Policy No. 009)

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to adopt Policy 815-Acceptable Use of Internet, waiving the guidelines in Policy 009 – Policy Formulation.

Erie County Technical School

No. 815

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: ACCEPTABLE USE
OF INTERNET

ADOPTED: December 19, 1996

REVISED: May 26, 2005

815. ACCEPTABLE USE OF INTERNET

1. Purpose

The Operating Committee supports the use of the Internet and other computer networks in the school's instructional program in order to facilitate learning and teaching through interpersonal communications, access to information, research and collaboration.

The use of network facilities shall be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the school as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of students.

2. Authority

The electronic information available to students and staff does not imply endorsement of the content by the school, nor does the school guarantee the accuracy of information received on the Internet. The school shall not be responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged or unavailable when using the network or for any information that is retrieved via the Internet.

The school shall not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

The school reserves the right to log network use and to monitor fileserver space utilization by school users. Students and administration, faculty, staff, volunteers and other adults using the network facilities shall be notified that the Technical School has implemented Technology Protection Measures that block or filter access to certain categories of material or information access to which is restricted or prohibited by federal and Pennsylvania law.

The Operating Committee establishes that use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right; inappropriate, unauthorized and illegal use will result in the cancellation of those privileges and appropriate disciplinary action.

3. Responsibility	815. ACCEPTABLE USE OF INTERNET The school shall make every effort to ensure that that this educational resource is used responsibly by students and staff and has promulgated Student Computer/Network/Internet Usage Guidelines and Adult Use of Networked Resources Policy for that purpose. Administrators, teachers and staff have a professional responsibility to work together to help students develop the intellectual skills necessary to discriminate among information appropriate to their age and developmental levels, and to evaluate and use the information to meet their educational goals. Students and staff have the responsibility to respect and protect the rights of every other user in the school and on the Internet. The building administrator shall have the authority to determine what is appropriate use.
4. Guidelines	Network accounts will be used only by the authorized owner of the account for its authorized purpose. Network users shall respect the privacy of other users on the system. <u>Prohibitions</u> Students and staff are expected to act in a responsible, ethical and legal manner in accordance with school policy, accepted rules of network etiquette, and federal and State law. The specific expectations, rules and requirements of student and adult staff users are set forth in the Student Computer/Network/Internet Usage Guidelines and the Adult Use of Networked Resources Policy, which are hereby incorporated by reference into this policy. <u>Security</u> System security is protected through the use of passwords. Failure to adequately protect or update passwords could result in unauthorized access to personal or school files. To protect the integrity of the system, the following guidelines shall be followed: 1. Employees and students shall not reveal their passwords to another individual. 2. Users are not to use a computer that has been logged in under another student's or teacher's name.

P.L. 94-553 Sec. 107	815. ACCEPTABLE USE OF INTERNET 3. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the network. <u>Safety</u> To the greatest extent possible, users of the network will be protected from harassment or unwanted or unsolicited communication. Any network user who receives threatening or unwelcome communications shall immediately bring them to the attention of a teacher or administrator. Network users shall not reveal personal addresses or telephone numbers to other users on the network. <u>Consequences For Inappropriate Use</u> The network user shall be responsible for damages to the equipment, systems, and software resulting from deliberate or willful acts. Illegal use of the network; intentional deletion or damage to files of data belonging to others; copyright violations or theft of services will be reported to the appropriate legal authorities for possible prosecution. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using the Internet, in addition to the stipulations of this policy. Loss of access and other disciplinary actions shall be consequences for inappropriate use, as set forth more specifically in the Student Computer/Network/Internet Usage Guidelines and Adult Use of Networked Resources Policy. Vandalism will result in cancellation of access privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet or other networks. This includes but is not limited to the uploading or creation of computer viruses. <u>Copyright</u> The illegal use of copyrighted software by students and staff is prohibited. Any data uploaded to or downloaded from the network shall be subject to "fair use" guidelines.
---------------------------------	---

SECTION: OPERATING COMMITTEE
PROCEDURES

TITLE: POLICY FORMULATION

ADOPTED: December 19, 1996

REVISED: November 19, 2002

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

	009. POLICY FORMULATION
1. Guidelines	The Joint Operating Committee shall follow these guidelines for final adoption of school policies: a. Policy drafts are to be initially reviewed by the policy committee or the Joint Operating Committee as a whole. b. The first reading of the policy is to occur at a regular meeting of the Joint Operating Committee. c. Notification of intent to adopt policies which affect employees shall be posted and copies distributed to employees prior to adoption. d. The second and final reading of the policy is to occur at the regular Joint Operating Committee meeting. The policy may be adopted at the meeting at which the second reading occurs.