

## DISTRICT WEB SITE

The board supports and encourages the publication of a district web site to improve community relations, to foster creativity and to demonstrate student learning. It is a means of providing information to the community about school events and classroom activities, and provides an effective line of communication between the community, staff and students.

The superintendent is directed to develop any additional written web site regulations as needed that pursue the benefits of maintaining a web site while protecting the school and community from its potential misuse. The superintendent will designate a district webmaster to implement the web site regulations and to review all materials published on the web site. All web pages on the web site will conform to this policy and the corresponding regulations. All World Wide Web information directly related to the Gibbon Public School, its departments and its programs will be stored on and served to the web by the district designated HTTP server.

### **Content**

All page content must be professional, ethical and tasteful (no misspelled words, grammatical errors, inappropriate comments, jokes or graphics).

All pages must meet the district and ESU 10's acceptable use policies.

### **Instruction**

Internet policy for electronic information systems and networks must be followed.

The content of a page (text, graphics and links) is the responsibility of the author.

As a responsible citizen of the Internet, excessive use of graphics should be avoided.

### **Format**

Pages must be displayable and readable with all popular Web browsers, including, but not necessarily limited to, Netscape, Mosaic, Internet Explorer or Lynx.

### **Security**

Ownership of all files will remain with the school district. Page content is the responsibility of the author.

The district reserves the right to modify any district page at any time.

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The district may remove any page which does not conform to the district's acceptable use and World Wide Web policies.

The district reserves the right to terminate serving any and/or all pages at any time.

### **Authorization Procedure**

All pages must be authorized by the district. Authorization may come from any district administrator.

The incorporation of new pages into the district's existing Web structure, including the district's home page will be determined by the district's webmaster after appropriate consultation with the author, the administrator and other district web authors as necessary.

Staff members are encouraged to have curriculum based web pages on the district's web server.

### **Web of Responsibility**

By creating a web page, the author of that page accepts responsibility for its content. That responsibility extends to the links to other web pages on the district's web server. By including a link to another page, the author is indirectly accepting responsibility for the content of that page, regardless of the author or its location.

The author is expected to monitor all pages linked from his or her page to review the accuracy of the link and the suitability and acceptability of the information. If the content of a linked page becomes unsuitable or unacceptable, it is the author's responsibility to remove the link.

### **Staff Web Pages**

Staff may create web pages to use in class activities or to provide a resource for other staff members. Staff web pages must reflect the educational goals and objectives of the district. District employees, board members, or guests may not establish personal web pages using district resources.

### **School or Class Web Pages**

Schools or classes may establish web pages that present information about the school or class activities. Teachers will be responsible for maintaining their class pages.

### **Extracurricular Organization Web Pages**

Extracurricular organizations may establish web pages with the approval of the organization sponsor and the computer coordinator. Material presented on the

organization web page must relate specifically to organization activities and will include only student-produced material.

### **Student Web Pages**

Students may establish personal web pages with staff sponsorship and approval by the computer coordinator. Material presented in the student's web pages must be related to the student's educational and career preparation activities.

### **Other Web Pages**

The district may allow other organizations such as parent-teacher groups, booster clubs, school foundations, etc. to publish web pages providing they conform to this policy and the corresponding administrative regulations.

### **Policy Challenge Procedure**

An individual who has been granted access to the Internet by the district and desires to access an Internet site that is not compliant with this policy may challenge the enforcement of the policy according to the following provisions:

1. Internet site review requests should be directed in writing to the Gibbon Public School Technology Committee for consideration.
2. The Technology Committee will review the site within seven working days of submission of the request and, if deemed appropriate for educational or work related purposes, may vote to unblock the site.
3. Principals will regulate enforcement of the policy, including disciplinary actions, and shall forward to the superintendent any challenges to the severity of the applied discipline.
4. Challenges to the application or enforcement of district's Internet Safety Policy which cannot be resolved at the levels outlined in the preceding step will be handled in accordance with the district's established grievance policy or at the established administrator and/or board level for challenges presented in writing.

### **Permission**

Permission from both the parent/guardian and the student must be obtained prior to placing any student photographs, artwork, writing or other projects on the web site. No personal contact information about the child, such as home address, phone number, or e-mail address will be given. The work will appear with a copyright notice prohibiting the copying of such work without express written permission. In the event that anyone requests such permission, those requests will be forwarded to the parent or guardian. All such work may be removed from the web site at the end of the current school year.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g (1988) (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)  
47 U.S.C. 201 et seq. (Communications Decency Act of 1995)  
Neb. Statute 79-2104

Cross Reference: 504 Student Rights and Responsibilities  
507 Student Records  
603 Curriculum Development  
604 Instructional Curriculum  
606.05 Media Centers  
1006 Use of District Facilities and Equipment