

STUDENT CONDUCT IN CYBERSPACE

The Nye County School District believes that respect, responsibility, integrity and fairness are fundamental to the development of its citizens. Students are expected to exhibit these qualities toward teachers, staff and other students.

Parents/**legal** guardians are encouraged to provide proper guidance to students regarding electronic communications, including the use of the Internet, and the importance of Internet safety, as well as discouraging improper conduct such as:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures of themselves or others and/or linking them to teachers, other staff or students;
- Using obscene or vulgar language toward teachers, staff or students;
- Using electronic communications in order to harass, intimidate or cyber-bully another;
- Requesting personal information from employees, such as addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or social network aliases or passwords;
- Plagiarizing the work of others;
- The theft of information or data in an electronic form;
- Communicating with on-line predators; or
- Pretending to be, or creating false profiles about, employees or other students in order to harm, bully, harass, degrade, exploit, disgrace, embarrass or intimidate the person being profiled or others related to the person being profiled.

“Electronic communication” means the communication of any written, verbal or pictorial information through the use of an electronic device, including, without limitation, a telephone, a cellular phone, a computer or any similar means of communication.

Use of any form of electronic communication to create, disseminate or publish false or misleading information about an employee or student which tends to harm, bully, harass, degrade, exploit, disgrace, embarrass or intimidate that person is inappropriate behavior and will not be tolerated. Such acts may be legally actionable if the maker of the statement knows it was false or recklessly made and the victim has factual and physical evidence to prove these allegations. Repeated attempts to elicit personal information from employees will be deemed harassment. Disciplinary action will be taken against students who violate this policy whether it occurs:

- On school grounds;
- At school-sponsored functions or events, either on or off school grounds;
- Through the use of District property, such as its Internet or email services, computers, web services, or through the use of printed material produced by the District; or

- At any time off school grounds when the conduct creates a material and substantial disruption of the lawful mission, process or function of the school district or has a direct impact on the health, welfare or safety of school employees or students.

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