

POLICY RELATING TO PUPIL SERVICES

STUDENT INTERNET ACCESS

While the Wachusett Regional School Committee encourages the use of electronic communication to promote excellence in education, the School Committee also recognizes its responsibility to reasonably ensure the anonymity of students using the District's Internet to ensure this goal.

- The District prohibits non-educational use of its network facilities, the Internet and the Internet access.
- Access and use of the District's Internet is a privilege, not a right, and access to it may be denied to students violating this policy.
- The District prohibits student use of "chat" lines without the permission and supervision of authorized professional staff members.
- The District shall limit student use of e-mail to District supervised programs.

Each school shall include within the student handbook procedures, rules and responsibilities pertaining to student Internet access, which are age appropriate. The handbook shall also contain procedures on the following:

- A. At the high school level
 1. Student work may be displayed on the school site web pages or District web page with the student's full name when prior written permission is received from the parent/guardian annually.
 2. Photographs of students may be displayed on the school site web pages or District web page with the student's full name when prior written permission is received from the parent/guardian annually.
- B. At the elementary school level
 1. Student work may be displayed on the school site web pages or the District web page with the student's first name only when prior written permission is received from the parent/guardian annually.

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2. Photographs of students may be displayed on the school site web pages or District web page only identified by classroom teacher or grade when prior permission is received from the parent/guardian annually.

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