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In keeping with the mission statement, the Ballston Spa Central School District considers technology and the Internet to be valuable tool for education and encourages the use of computer technology.

Students and staff have the privilege of working with the computer network and Internet in individual classrooms, libraries and labs to help perform academic work, to explore educational topics and to conduct research projects. With access to computers and people from around the world, also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value.

As required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the Ballston Spa School District will use Internet filters to block or filter Internet access, or other forms of electronic communications at school to help ensure a safe environment.

The Ballston Spa Central School District provides access to current technologies for the purposes of:

- a. Retrieving information
- b. Promoting communication and information sharing
- c. Building and enriching the schools’ curricular resources
- d. Enhancing instructional delivery

Use of technology by students and staff in the Ballston Spa Central School District is intended for educational and administrative purposes. Computer access to a global network may make available materials not considered appropriate in schools. Users may discover controversial or inaccurate information.

The District shall develop and implement procedures that provide for the safety and security of students using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of district electronic communications. The District will provide age-appropriate instruction regarding appropriate online behavior, including:

- a. Interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and electronic communications, and
- b. Cyberbullying awareness and response.

Internet use is a privilege, not a right. Users of electronic information resources in the Ballston Spa School District will be informed of and responsible for understanding proper procedures and

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rules. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material or threatening, obscene, or protected materials such as personal information of students.

Internet use for any commercial activities and/or product advertising is not acceptable. Any use of school electronic resources that endangers the safety, health or welfare of the Ballston Spa educational community is prohibited.

The Ballston Spa Central School District will not be responsible for any damages that result from improper or illegal use of electronic information or access to it.

The Board of Education delegates responsibility for developing administrative procedures on Responsible Use of Electronic Information and Access to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.

*47 USC Sections 254(h) and 254(l)*

*47 CFR Part 54*

*Education Law Section 814*

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