



ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 354 CITIZENSHIP IN A DIGITAL AGE

Background

As Grande Yellowhead Public School Division #77 commits to providing anywhere/anytime learning opportunities, it is critical that GYPSD teachers and students are familiar with the responsibilities of being digitally connected citizens. Teachers must be aware of the impacts of student participation in the digital world so that they can recognize “teachable moments” that arise as students explore and create in an online environment. Students must become aware of the benefits and risks that are associated with digital interactions and that ultimately they themselves must be able to make responsible choices and decisions as they navigate and interact within the digital world. Staff and students in GYPSD are expected to become responsible citizens in a digital age.

Definitions

Digital Citizen: A digital citizen is an individual who interacts with other individuals using digital tools and resources such as computers of varying types and the internet as a means to connect to other people and interact with them using a variety of means such as email, blogs, websites, and various social media. The digital citizen is aware of and practices proper behaviors and socially accepted conventions in these online interactions. A digital citizen is a person who has developed the skills and habits that promote positive interactions with others in the digital world.

Digital Citizenship Education: is planned instruction of staff and students on the proper use of digital resources and technologies to develop skills and behaviors that enable them to become digital citizens who interact with others online in a manner that is consistent with the GYPSD Policies and Administrative Procedures.

In Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, this behavior is consistent with the existing Policies and Administrative Procedures governing, Administrative Procedure 350 – Student Conduct, Administrative Procedure 353 – Use of Personal Electronic Devices on School Premises, Administrative Procedure 354 – Citizenship in a Digital Age, Administrative Procedure 140 – Computer Technology, Form 140-01 – Contract for the Agreement of Division Computers and Computer Networks. It is also consistent with the “Nine Elements of Digital Citizenship” (found at DigitalCitizenship.net). This is also known as Digital Literacy.

Procedures

1. The principal will ensure that each school will have in place a plan for professional learning to enable the staff to provide grade appropriate instruction that will support the development of responsible digital citizens.
2. Teachers shall demonstrate and model digital citizenship best practices and provide appropriate instruction for their students.
3. The principal will ensure that each school will have in place a plan for grade appropriate instruction that will support the development of responsible digital citizens.
4. Students and staff will be responsible and accountable for their online behavior and conduct.
5. Staff and student online practices shall be consistent with the appropriate Grande Yellowhead School Division Staff/Student Responsible Use Agreements.
6. Student use of GYPSD provided computers, network, software and online resources shall be consistent with the following administrative procedures and board policies and regulations.
 - Administrative Procedure 350 – Student Conduct
 - Administrative Procedure 353 – Use of Personal Devices on School Premises
 - Administrative Procedure 354 – Use of Digital Resources
 - Administrative Procedure 140 – Computer Technology
 - Form 140-01 – Contract for the Agreement of Division Computers and Computer Networks.

Reference: Administrative Procedure 350 – Student Conduct
Administrative Procedure 353 – Use of Personal Devices on School Premises
Administrative Procedure 354 – Citizenship in a Digital Age
Administrative Procedure 354, Appendix A – Student Responsible Use Agreement
Administrative Procedure 140 – Computer Technology
Form 140-01 – Contract for the Agreement of Division Computers and Computer Networks
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