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Role of the Computer Coordinator

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

### **NYCDOE Internet Acceptable Use Policy**

The NYCDOE has guidelines as to what is permitted on a website (school, district and teacher). It is very important to know what these rules are and what permissions are needed.

1. **Filtering** – The most important service that we can provide to our students is to provide them with a safe environment in which to learn. By filtering web site addresses, web content, and e-mail, the Department is able to ensure secure and protected web access for students. In accordance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act, the department will monitor web activity so that any violators of policy can be identified.

2. **Selection of Material** – Once a safe learning environment is established, teachers need to provide students with the skills that are required to select appropriate material on the web by previewing material, providing guidelines, as well as, assisting students in distinguishing fact from opinion.

3. **Limitation of Internet Usage** - Specifically Personal Safety Violations for Students and Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement. With social networking being at an all time high, students are less hesitant to post/transmit personal photographs and information. The IAUP does not allow for this sort of sharing of information. This includes students information in addition to that of others, as well as respecting the rights of copyright owners and information.

4. **Web Pages** – The content of school related web pages is of personal interest to me. My thesis paper analyzes school websites from various socio-economic levels for their quality. The IAUP lists various items which a school related web page may not include. It also lists specific disclaimers that must be included on school web pages, teacher web pages and individual student web pages. In addition, the policy consists of guideline for Web Publisher that may be vendors who are not employed by the Department of Education

5. ***E-mail Policy*** – Email is more and more becoming a more common form of communication between students, teachers, parents and administrators. When using Department of Education email account, one must keep in the EAU (Email Acceptable Use) policy and always write in a professional manner.