

POLICY 850: Cyber-misconduct

Cyber-misconduct refers to the use of information and communications technology to bully, embarrass, threaten or harass others. It also includes the use of information and communications technology to engage in conduct or behavior that is racist, derogatory, defamatory, degrading, illegal, and/or abusive.

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) will not tolerate the publication, via computer and/or other multi-media devices of materials that creates, or is likely to create an environment which negatively impacts or causes significant disruption to the school and/or:

1. Is abusive, demeaning, hateful or insulting, or
2. Is threatening, bullying or intimidating, or
3. Incites harmful behavior towards others, or
4. Discriminates, or harasses on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability or for any other reason set out in the Human Rights Code of British Columbia.

The District will investigate and take action, as appropriate, in situations where such materials are published:

1. Through networks hosted by the School District
2. Through other networks and electronic communication devices if, in the opinion of the District, the behavior will have an impact on the District environment.

Anyone who violates this are subject to consequences as outlined in School Codes of Conduct and [Policy 310: Code of Conduct](#).