Section 5 – Safe Research

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Students who are enrolled in online course at the Fifth Arrow Charter School campus or at a remote site will need to comply with PIE-AZ policies that deal with the use of technology and the internet. Please refer to PIE-AZ's computer use policy (attached). Students and staff having admittance and ability to access online courses at a location off-campus, for example at home or coffee shop will connect through the LMS, a private provider like Direct TV or COX. The previous examples of internet providers have secure tools to reinforce individual users' choice on blocking certain content and pop-up control. If a student is working on a browser that is not in control by the district, the student will have admittance to filtered research tools that have been approved, supervised, and contained by the individual that manages the local network used by the student. Whoever manages the settings on the student's personal computer will also have control over the blocks and firewall settings. Students and parents/guardians of students enrolling in online courses will be advised on safe research practices during orientation to the program. During orientation students are explained the school's policies about internet safety. Students will be required to sign off on these policies. Administrators will also conduct a mini course on Internet safety and information security, where students are shown how to set up safeguards on personal computers.

Students will have access to their school work 24/7 throughout the week and year round at the discretion of their teacher. The online teacher has the ability to manage the amount of time a student or all students have online and has the ability to suspend a student from the online program, remotely.

Teachers can request suspension of students whom they feel are violating the program policies by contacting the online program administrator. Documentation pertaining to a student's suspension is needed at the time of the request, including the party who requested the suspension and who performed the action. If the suspension is due to a disciplinary reason the information will be added to the Fifth Arrow's Student Information System (SIS) and the parent or guardian of the student will be notified. Subsequent disciplinary action may follow depending on the offense and the discretion of administrator.

The Edmentum content contains Drop Box assignments that require students to download a Word document assignment, complete the assignment and then upload and submit the assignment through the LMS. Many of these Drop Box assignments provide excellent research-based opportunities for online students. In addition to the LMS assignments, teachers have authority to assign additional research based assignments that reinforce web-based content. The extra assignments will be accessible electronically. For example, assignments may be research papers, virtual field trips, and integrated content exercises. Integrated content exercises are created to incorporate two or more areas of academics. For instance, work-based learning or character education are tools for integrating content. Students who need different methods of delivery will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. All other assignments required by online teachers, in addition to content provided by LMS, have to meet the goals that correspond to the lesson and be authorized by the program Administrator or a designated representative.