**Activity 3:**

**Investigating the Acceptable Use Policy at Your School**

For this assignment, you will research and find the Digital Ethics Plan/Acceptable Usage Policy for your school. You should be able to find it either online or in your Student Handbook. Read the policy from the viewpoint of a student and answer the following questions.

1. Do you believe the policy is too restrictive?
2. What would you change?
3. Does the policy cover all electronic devices or just those owned by the school (e.g., if you bring your own laptop/smartphone etc., can you freely access all websites, or do you still have to abide by the district policy)?

Reread the ethics plan from the viewpoint of a network administrator who must enforce laws governing usage of state owned electronic devices. Keep in mind that you are required by the district to maintain a strong and effective security policy to keep the network free of viruses and secure because your grading system is online. Because you are the network administrator for a public school, you have children ranging from the ages of 4 – 19 that will have access to your network and online activities. What may be appropriate for a 19-year-old may not be appropriate for a 6-year-old. Teachers and administrators have concerns about students being distracted by games, etc. and not finishing their schoolwork or paying attention in class.

Use a computer to research state laws that govern the acceptable use of electronic devices that are owned/provided by the government.

1. Does the Acceptable Use Policy at your high school align with the Acceptable Use Policy developed by the state?

a. If no, where do the two policies differ?

1. Do you think the Acceptable Use Policy of your school is strict enough (remember that the network administrator’s job *could* be at risk if the network is not secure enough)?
2. If you were the network administrator, what would you change about the Acceptable Use Policy at your school?