

STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY (INTERNET)

The Governing Board recognizes that technology provides ways to access the most current and extensive sources of information. Technology also enables students to practice skills and to develop reasoning and problem-solving abilities. Every effort shall be made to provide equal access to technology throughout the district's schools and classes.

On-Line Services/Internet Access

The Board intends that the internet and other on-line resources provided by the district be used to support the instructional program and further student learning.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations governing student access to technology that are age appropriate. These regulations shall prohibit access to harmful matter on the internet which may be obscene or pornographic and preclude other misuses of the system. In addition, these regulations shall establish the fact that users have no expectation of privacy and that district staff may monitor or examine all system activities to ensure proper use of the system. Students who fail to abide by district rules shall be subject to disciplinary action, revocation of the user account and legal action as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, and that the operation of such measures is enforced. (20 USC 7001, 47 USC 254)

Staff shall supervise students while using on-line services and may ask teacher aides and student aides to assist in this supervision.

Disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding students is prohibited.

At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians shall receive a copy of Administrative Regulation 6163.4 "Student Use of Technology" and the Internet Use Agreement.

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6163.4 (b)

Before using the district's on-line resources, each student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return an Acceptable Use Agreement specifying user obligations and responsibilities. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree to not hold the district responsible and shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and all district personnel for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or any costs incurred by users.

(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

In order to help ensure that the district adapts to changing technologies and circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly review this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation and other procedures. He/she shall also monitor the district's filtering software to help ensure its effectiveness.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48980 Required notification at beginning of term
51006 Computer education and resources
51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills
51870-51874 Education Technology
51870.5 Student internet access
60044 Prohibited instructional materials

PENAL CODE

313 Harmful matter
632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications

PUBLIC LAW 107-110

2401-2441 Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, No Child Left Behind Act, Title II, Part D
2441 Internet safety