

**STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

The Governing Board intends that technological resources provided by the District be used in a safe, responsible, and proper manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning.

Computers and other electronic resources are important tools for students to use in school and in other parts of student life. Students are expected to be good citizens in all of their communications. It is expected that students will use these resources in a responsible manner to protect their safety and the safety of others, as well as to protect the electronic resources themselves.

“Technology” includes computers, tablets, the Internet, telephones, cellular telephones, personal digital assistants, pagers, MP3 players such as iPods, USB drives, wireless access points (routers), or any wireless communication device. “District Technology” is that which is owned or provided by the District. “Personal Technology” is non-District technology.

*(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)*  
*(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*  
*(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)*  
*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*  
*(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)*

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of District computers, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities in accordance with District regulations and the District's Acceptable Use Agreement.

*(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)*  
*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*  
*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*  
*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*  
*(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)*

Before a student is authorized to use the District's technological resources, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement specifying user obligations and responsibilities. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree not to hold the District or any District staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. They shall also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the District and District personnel for any damages or costs incurred.

*(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)*

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The Superintendent or designee, with input from students and appropriate staff, shall regularly review and update this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation, and other relevant procedures to enhance the safety and security of students using the District's technological resources and to help ensure that the District adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

**Use of District Computers and/or Personal Technology, Including Mobile Devices for Online Services/Internet Access**

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 6777, 47 USC 254)

To reinforce these measures, the Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities. Staff shall supervise students while they are using online services and may have teacher aides, student aides, and volunteers assist in this supervision.

The Superintendent or designee also shall establish regulations to address the safety and security of students and student information when using email, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying.

**Use of District Technology**

The District provides technology for a limited educational purpose. This means students may use these resources for classroom activities and other school-related work. Students may not use District technology for commercial purposes; students may not offer, provide, or purchase products or services using District technology. Students may use District technology only for class assignments or for personal research on subjects similar to what they might study in a class or in the school library. Use for entertainment purposes or personal communication, such as personal blogging, instant messaging, on-line shopping or gaming is not allowed.

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Use of personal technology may violate this policy if the District reasonably believes the conduct or speech will cause actual material disruption of school activities. This policy and accompanying Administrative Regulations will provide students with guidance in order to avoid such disruption.

**Privilege, Not a Right**

Use of District technology is a privilege, not a right. The District may place reasonable restrictions on the material that students access through the system, and may revoke students' access to District technology if they violate the law, District policies or regulations.

**Consequences for Violation**

Violations of the law or this policy may be reported to law enforcement agencies. In addition, violations of the law or this policy may result in discipline, up to and including suspension and expulsion.

**No Expectation of Privacy**

Students should not expect privacy in the contents of their personal files on the District's Internet system or other District technology. All student use of District technology will be supervised and monitored. The District's monitoring of student Internet usage can reveal all activities students engage in using the District's Internet system.

- Maintenance and monitoring of the District's Internet system or other technology may lead to discovery that a student has violated this policy, or the law. An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that a student has violated this policy, the District's student discipline policy, or the law.
- Parents have the right to request to see the contents of student computer files at any time.

**Acceptable Use Agreement**

Before students are authorized to use District technology and/or bring personal mobile devices to school or school activities, they and their parent/guardian are required to sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement. Parents must agree not to hold the District or its personnel responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. Parents also will acknowledge they may be held liable for damages caused by their child's intentional misuse of District or personal technology.

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**Responsibility for Damages**

Parents can be held financially responsible for any harm that results from a student's intentional misuse of District or personal technology.

**Filtering**

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. 254, 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.

**Instruction**

The District shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying and responding to cyberbullying.

**Access to Social Media Sites**

The District does not permit students to access social media sites, such as Facebook and MySpace, at school.

*Legal Reference:*

*EDUCATION CODE*

- 51006 Computer education and resources*
- 51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills*
- 51870-51874 Education technology*
- 60044 Prohibited instructional materials*

*PENAL CODE*

- 313 Harmful matter*
- 502 Computer crimes, remedies*
- 632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications*
- 653.2 Electronic communication devices, threats to safety*

*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15*

- 6501-6506 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act*

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*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20*

*6751-6777 Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, Title II, Part D, especially:  
6777 Internet safety*

*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47*

*254 Universal service discounts (E-rate)*

*CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 16*

*312.1-312.12 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act*

*CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47*

*54.520 Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, E-rate discounts*

*Management Resources:*

*CSBA PUBLICATIONS*

*Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2007*

*FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS*

*How to Protect Kids' Privacy Online: A Guide for Teachers, December 2000*

*MY SPACE.COM PUBLICATIONS*

*The Official School Administrator's Guide to Understanding MySpace and Resolving Social Networking Issues*

*WEB SITES*

*CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>*

*American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org>*

*California Coalition for Children's Internet Safety: <http://www.cybersafety.ca.gov>*

*California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>*

*Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use: <http://csriu.org>*

*Federal Communications Commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>*

*Federal Trade Commission, Children's Online Privacy Protection:*

*<http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/privacyinitiatives/childrens.html>*

*U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>*

*Web Wise Kids: <http://www.webwisekids.org>*

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