

STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Board of Education 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.

(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/Principal 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)

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding the district's acceptable use agreement, including instruction on the safe use of social networking sites and other Internet services including, but not limited to, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, and how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

The Superintendent/Principal or designee, with input from students and appropriate staff, shall regularly review this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation, and other relevant procedures to help ensure that the district adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

Use of District Computers for Online Services/Internet Access

The Superintendent/Principal 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)

The Board desires to protect students from access to inappropriate matter on the Internet. The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet. He/she 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.

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Student use of district computers to access social networking sites is prohibited. To the extent possible, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall block access to such sites on district computers with Internet access.

Before using the district's technological 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 or any district staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or users' 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)

Staff shall supervise students while they are using online services and may ask teacher aides, student aides, and volunteers to assist in this supervision.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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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

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

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, Governance and Policy Services Policy Brief, July 2007

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

K-12 Network Technology Planning Guide: Building the Future, 1995

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1223.94 Acceptable Use of Electronic Information Resources

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> and <http://cyberbully.org>

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

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

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

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The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall oversee the maintenance of the school's technological resources and may establish guidelines and limits on their use. He/she shall ensure that all students using these resources receive training in their proper and appropriate use.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 4131- Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Online/Internet Services: User Obligations and Responsibilities

Students are authorized to use district equipment to access the Internet or other online services in accordance with Board policy, the user obligations and responsibilities specified below, and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement.

1. The student in whose name an online services account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall keep personal account numbers, home addresses, and all telephone numbers private. They shall only use the account to which they have been assigned.
2. Students shall use the district's system safely, responsibly, and primarily for educational purposes.
3. Students shall not access, post, submit, publish, or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Harmful matter includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, appeals to the prurient interest and is matter which depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct and which lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors. (Penal Code 313)

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4. Unless otherwise instructed by school personnel, students shall not disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using email, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communication. Students are also cautioned not to disclose such information by other means to individuals contacted through the Internet without the permission of their parents/guardians.

Personal information includes the student's name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other individually identifiable information.

5. Students shall not use the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, nor shall they promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law, Board policy, or administrative regulations.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

6. Students shall not use the system to engage in commercial or other for-profit activities.
7. Students shall not use the system to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule other students or staff.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

8. Copyrighted material shall be posted online only in accordance with applicable copyright laws. Any materials utilized for research projects should be given proper credit as with any other printed source of information.

(cf. 5131.9 - Academic Honesty)

(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

9. Students shall not intentionally upload, download, or create computer viruses and/or maliciously attempt to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking."

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)

10. Students shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive email, nor shall they attempt to read, delete, copy, modify, or use another individual's identity.
11. Students shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the teacher or principal.

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The district reserves the right to monitor the system for improper use.

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

The Superintendent/Principal or designee may cancel a student's user privileges whenever the student is found to have violated Board policy, administrative regulation, or the district's Acceptable Use Agreement. Inappropriate use also may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process: Students with Disabilities)