

Instruction

STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY

The principal or designee shall oversee the maintenance of each school's technological resources and shall 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.

At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians shall receive a copy of the district's Technology Acceptable Use Agreement regarding access by students to the Internet and on-line sites. (Education Code 48980)

On-Line/Internet Services: User Obligations and Responsibilities

Students are authorized to use District equipment to access the Internet or Email services in accordance with user obligations and responsibilities specified below and in accordance with Governing Board policy and the District's Technology Acceptable Use Agreement.

1. Students shall use the District's system responsibly and for educational purposes.
2. 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, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or political beliefs.

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 which lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors. (Penal Code 313)

3. Students shall not disclose, use or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using electronic mail or other forms of direct electronic communication.

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

4. 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 or Board policy.
5. Students shall not have access to chat rooms.

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6. Copyrighted material shall not be placed on the system without the author's permission. Students may download copyrighted material for their own use only.
7. 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."
8. Students shall respect the right of others to the privacy of their files, shall not view those files without the owner's permission, and shall not alter or damage such files.
9. Students shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the teacher/supervisor or principal.

The District reserves the right to monitor any on-line communications for improper use. Electronic communication and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account, may be monitored or read by District officials to ensure proper use of the system.

The principal or designee shall make all decisions regarding whether or not a student has violated Board policy or the District's Technology Acceptable Use Agreement. The decision of the principal or designee shall be final.

Inappropriate use shall result in a cancellation of the student's user privileges, disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy.