

SUBJECT: STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY

ORIGINATING OFFICE: ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, CURRICULUM
AND INSTRUCTION

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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.

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 Student Technology Acceptable Use Agreement.

The Superintendent 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.

The Superintendent or designee, with input from students and appropriate staff, shall regularly review this policy, the accompanying staff rule, 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 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.

The Board desires to protect students from access to inappropriate matter on the Internet. The Superintendent 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. Additionally, the District at its discretion may block matter deemed of

no educational value on an as needed basis to insure the effective delivery of appropriate and valuable Internet resources used for instruction or purposes of business.

Student use of district computers to access social networking sites may be made available based on instructional objectives and educational value.

Before using the district's technological resources, each student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return a Student Technology 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.

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