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Student Use of Technology

At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians shall receive a copy of the district's policy and administrative regulation regarding access by students to the internet and on-line sites. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The principal or designee shall oversee the maintenance of each 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 use.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

(cf. 6162.7 - Use of Technology in Instruction)

On-Line/Internet Services: User Obligations and Responsibilities

Students are authorized to use the district's on-line services in accordance with user obligations and responsibilities specified below and in accordance with Board policy and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement.

1. The student in whose name an on-line services account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Users shall keep personal account numbers, home addresses and telephone numbers private. They shall use the system only under their own account number.
2. The district's system shall be used only for purposes related to education. Commercial, political and/or personal use unrelated to an educational purpose is strictly prohibited.
3. The district reserves the right to monitor any on-line communications for improper use. Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account, may be monitored or read by district officials.

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

4. The use of the district's system is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use shall result in a cancellation of those privileges.

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5. Students are prohibited from accessing, posting, submitting, publishing or displaying harmful matter or material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or political beliefs.

6. Students will not share personal contact information about themselves or other people (i.e. address, telephone number, school address, etc.). Access to social networking sites and chat room communication is not allowed. Students will promptly notify teachers or another school employee if they receive any messages or encounter web pages that are inappropriate or make them feel uncomfortable.

7. Cyberbullying is defined as intentional harm inflicted through electronic media and includes, but is not limited to, sending or posting on the Internet, social networking sites, or other digital technologies harassing messages, direct threats, socially cruel, intimidating, terrorizing, or otherwise harmful text or images, as well as breaking into another person's account and assuming that person's identity for harmful purposes. Students shall not use technological resources to participate in cyberbullying.

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

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)

8. Users 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 district policy.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

9. Copyrighted material may not be placed on the system without the author's permission. Users may download copyrighted material for their own use only.

10. Students will not plagiarize works that they find using electronic resources.

(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

11. Vandalism will result in the cancellation of user privileges. Vandalism includes the intentional uploading, downloading or creating computer viruses and/or any malicious attempt to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or the data of any other user.

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)

12. Users shall not read other users' mail or files; they shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive electronic mail, nor shall they attempt to delete, copy, modify or forge other users' mail.

13. Users shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the teacher or principal.

Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices at School

The District believes technology is a powerful tool that enhances learning and enables students to access a vast amount of academic resources. Students will be allowed to connect privately owned (personal) electronic devices to the District's filtered, wireless guest network. Students using personal electronic devices must follow the guidelines stated in this document and in the Board adopted Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) while on school property or while attending any school-sponsored activity.

Student-owned personal electronic devices such as Chromebooks, laptops, tablets, smartphones, personal wifi hotspots, mifi, etc., are to be utilized for educational purposes only as directed and allowed by the teacher or other school personnel. Use of personally owned student devices and network resources in school is a revocable privilege.

The principal or designee shall make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated these regulations and may deny, revoke or suspend a user's access at any time. The decision of the principal or designee shall be final.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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