

INSTRUCTION

Student Use of Technology

The Governing Board intends that technological resources provided by the district be used in a 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. 6010 – Goals and Objectives)
(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, as well as consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities.

(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)

On-Line 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) These measures will include the requirements set out by the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) of 2000.

The Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is a federal law enacted by Congress in December 2000 to address concerns about access to offensive content over the Internet on school and library computers. CIPA imposes certain types of requirements on any school or library that receives funding support for Internet access or internal connections from the “E-rate” program – a program that makes certain technology more affordable for eligible schools and libraries. In early 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued rules implementing CIPA.

- Schools and libraries subject to CIPA may not receive the discounts offered by the E-Rate program unless they certify that they have an Internet safety policy and technology protection measures in place. An Internet safety policy must include technology protection measures to block or filter Internet access to pictures that: (a) are obscene, (b) are child pornography, or (c) are harmful to minors, for computers that are accessed by minors.
- Schools subject to CIPA are required to adopt and enforce a policy to monitor online activities of minors; and

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- Schools and libraries subject to CIPA are required to adopt and implement a policy addressing: (a) access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet; (b) the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; (c) unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking,” and other unlawful activities by minors online; (d) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and (e) restricting minors’ access to materials harmful to them.
- <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/cipa.html>

The Board desires to protect students from access to inappropriate matter on the Internet or other on-line services. The Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students’ access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet. He/she shall establish regulations to address the safety and security of students and student information when using electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communication. These rules and procedures will include CIPA regulations.

Disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding students are prohibited.

Staff shall supervise students while they are using on-line services and may ask teacher aides to assist in this supervision.

Before using the district’s on-line resources, each student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return an **Internet Responsibility Contract** Student Acceptable Technology Use/Internet Safety Contract specifying user obligations and responsibilities. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree to not hold the district responsible and shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and all district personnel for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, users’ mistakes or negligence or any costs incurred by users.

(cf. 6162.6 – Use of Copyrighted Materials)

In order to help ensure that the district adapts to changing technologies and circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly review this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation and other procedures. He/she shall also monitor the district’s filtering software to help ensure its effectiveness. Blocked categories shall include all CIPA regulations including but not limited to Pornography, Nudity, Illegal Activities and Hate/Discrimination. A district committee consisting of administration, teachers, staff, parents and community members will review the blocked categories on a regular basis. The members of this committee will be appointed by the Superintendent with recommendations from the District Technology Committee.

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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, No Child Left Behind 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:
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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
WEB SITES
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org>
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
Federal Communications commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>
U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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