ORLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Student Acceptable Technology Use
and Internet Safety Policy

General Regulations

The purpose of the Internet is to support educational activities. The term "educational purpose" includes use of the system for classroom activities, professional or career development, and limited personal research and exploration activities. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state organization is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities by for-profit institutions is generally not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited. (Users may not use the district system for commercial purposes, defined as offering or providing goods or services.)

Acceptable Use Agreement

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of some material that may not be considered to be of educational value within the context of the school setting. Orland Unified School District will take every available precaution to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials. The Orland Unified School District firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility of users procuring material that is not consistent with the educational goals within the school.

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)

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.

Supervision

Certificated staff shall supervise students while they are using on-line services at the school site and may ask teacher aides to assist in this supervision.

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 and appropriate use. Personal Safety restrictions are to include all CIPA regulations.

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. Students shall keep personal account information, home addresses, and all telephone numbers private. They shall use the system only under their own account name.

2.   Students shall use the district's system 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.

        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)

4.   Students shall not disclose, use or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using electronic mail, chat rooms or other forms of direct electronic communication. Students are also cautioned not to disclose such information by other means to individuals located 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 or Board policy.

6.   Copyrighted material shall not be placed on the district's computer system without the author's permission. Students shall not violate copyright laws or plagiarize documents. Any materials utilized for research projects should be given proper credit as with any other hard copy source of information.

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 not read other users' electronic 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.

9. Students shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the teacher or principal.

The district reserves the right to monitor the system for improper use. District officials to ensure proper use of the system may review electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account.

The principal or designee shall make all decisions regarding whether or not a student has violated Board policy or the district's Acceptable Use Agreement. The decision of the principal or designee shall be final. Inappropriate use may result in cancellation of the student's user privileges, disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy.

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