BOARD POLICY 6163.4: 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.

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 in accordance with district regulations and the Acceptable Use Agreement.

Before a student is authorized to use the district's technological resources, each student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the Student 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 all district personnel for any damages or costs incurred.

The Superintendent or designee, with input from students and appropriate staff, shall regularly review and update this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation, and other relevant procedures to enhance the safety and security of students using the district's technological resources and to help ensure that the district adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

Use of District Owned Devices 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. (20 USC 6777, 47 USC 254.)

The Board desires to protect students from access to inappropriate matter on the Internet or other online services. The Superintendent or designee 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.

To reinforce these measures, the Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities.

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)

The district's Acceptable Use Agreement shall establish expectations for appropriate student conduct when using the Internet or other forms of electronic communication, including, but not limited to, prohibitions against:

1. Accessing, posting, submitting, publishing, or displaying 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
2. Intentionally uploading, downloading, or creating computer viruses and/or maliciously attempting to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called “hacking”

3. Distributing personal identification information, including the name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personally identifiable information, of another student, staff member, or other person with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person

The Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, the dangers of posting one’s own personal identification information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying.

**Legal Reference:**

**EDUCATION CODE**
- 48900 Suspension and Expulsion
- 49073.6 Student records; social media
- 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
- 653.2 Electronic communication devices, threats to safety
- 1546 Electronic Communications Privacy Act

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15**
- 6501-6506 Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20**
- 6751-6777 Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, No Child Left Behind Act, Title II, Part D
- 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:**

**CDE PUBLICATIONS**

**CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES**
- 1223.94 Acceptable Use of Electronic Information Resources

**WEB SITES**
- CDE: http://www.cde.ca.gov
- American Library Association: http://www.ala.org
- CSBA: http://www.csba.org

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**EXHIBIT 1** 6163.4 Student Technology Acceptable Use Agreement.pdf (57 KB)