

ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONIC INFORMATION RESOURCES

Technology is used to support student learning and enhance instructional programs, and as such, is a privilege, not a right. Computer networks allow students to communicate with other computer users and access electronic information resources such as the Internet. The Internet, a worldwide system, makes it possible for students to access many types of resources and to interact with other students, individuals, or services located inside and outside the District. To the extent that the use of technology and electronic information resources serves the educational needs of students and supports instructional programs, the District believes strongly in the importance of such technology and regards technology use as a privilege, not a right. It is, therefore, expected that student and staff system users will act in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner at all times.

Because access to the Internet provides connections to resources located all over the world, student users and their parents must understand that neither the Fullerton Joint Union High School District nor any District staff member, controls the content of the information available through any Internet service. Some of the information available through the Internet may contain harmful matter, be inaccurate, obscene, profane, illegal, or otherwise inappropriate for educational purposes. The District does not condone the access or use of such information and, to the extent possible, will restrict student access to such information. Annually, students and their parents or legal guardians will be informed of the benefits and risks associated with Internet use and asked to sign a form that states that they have read, understood, and agreed to comply with the guidelines for appropriate use of technology and electronic information resources.

All District staff members will also be asked annually to sign a form that states that they have read, understood, and agreed to comply with the guidelines of acceptable use of technology and Internet publishing guidelines.

In order to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly, network administrators may review files and communications. System users should not assume that their actions while on the network are private, as routine maintenance and monitoring of computer and Internet systems will occur. In addition, the District reserves the right to conduct individualized searches of a user's actions on the network if there is reasonable suspicion that a law, District policy, guideline, or rule has been violated.

The Board recognizes the need for administrative procedures to effectively address student and staff access to technology and electronic information resources. The Superintendent shall develop and implement regulations to implement this policy.