

ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY: MOBILE TECHNOLOGY

Computers and other electronic resources are important tools for students to use in school and in other parts of student life. Students are expected to be good citizens in all of their communications. It is expected that students will use these resources in a responsible manner to protect their safety and the safety of others, as well as to protect the electronic resources themselves.

Definitions:

“Technology” includes computers, tablets, the Internet, telephones, cellular telephones, personal digital assistants, pagers, MP3 players, such as iPods, USB drives, wireless access points (routers), or any wireless communication device. “District Technology” is that which is owned or provided by the District. “Personal Technology” is non-District Technology.

Use of District Technology

The District provides Technology for a limited educational purpose. This means that students may use these resources for classroom activities and other school-related work. Students may not use District Technology for commercial purposes; students may not offer, provide, or purchase products or services using District Technology. Students may use District Technology only for class assignments or for personal research on subjects similar to what they might study in a class or in the school library. Use for entertainment purposes or personal communication, such as personal blogging, instant messaging, online shopping or gaming, is not allowed.

Use of Personal Technology

Use of Personal Technology may violate this Board Policy if the District reasonably believes the conduct or speech will cause actual material disruption of school activities. This Board Policy and accompanying Administrative Regulation will provide students with guidance in order to avoid such disruption.

Privilege, not a Right

Use of District Technology is a privilege, not a right. The District may place reasonable restrictions on the material that students access through the system, and may revoke students’ access to District Technology if they violate the law, District policies, or regulations.

Consequences for Violation

Violations of the law or this Board Policy may be reported to law enforcement agencies. In addition, violations of the law or this Board Policy may result in discipline, up to and including suspension and expulsion.

No Expectation of Privacy

Students should not expect privacy in the contents of their personal files on the District's Internet system or other District Technology. All student use of District Technology will be supervised and monitored. The District's monitoring of student Internet usage can reveal all activities students engage in using the District's Internet system.

- Maintenance and monitoring of the District's Internet system or other Technology may lead to discovery that a student has violated this Board Policy, or the law. An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that a student has violated this Board Policy, the District's student discipline policy, or the law.
- Parents have the right to request to see the contents of student computer files at any time.

Acceptable Use Agreement

Before students are authorized to use District Technology and/or bring personal mobile devices to school or school activities, they and their parent/guardian are required to sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement. Parents must agree not to hold the District or its personnel responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. Parents also will acknowledge they may be held liable for damages caused by their child's intentional misuse of District or Personal Technology.

Responsibility for Damages

Parents can be held financially responsible for any harm that results from a student's intentional misuse of District or Personal Technology.

Filtering

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. 254, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all District computers (including laptops, tablets, iPods, iPads, telephones, or any wireless communication device) 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.

Instruction

The District 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 personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying and responding to cyberbullying.

Access to Social Media Sites

The District does not permit students to access social media sites, such as Facebook and Myspace, at school. The only exception is the *Lightspeed System, Inc.*, which provides the teacher technology tool, *My Big Campus*.