

Student Use of Technology

The Governing Board recognizes that technology provides ways to access the most current and extensive sources of information. Technology also enables students to practice skills and to develop reasoning and problem solving abilities. Every effort shall be made to provide equal access to technology throughout the District's schools and classes.

On-Line Services/Internet Access

The Board intends that the Internet and other on-line resources provided by the District be used to support the instructional program and further student learning.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations governing student access to technology that are age appropriate. These regulations shall prohibit access to harmful matter on the Internet which may be obscene or pornographic and preclude other misuses of the system. In addition, these regulations shall establish the fact that users have no expectation of privacy and that District staff may monitor or examine all system activities to ensure proper use of the system. Students who fail to abide by District rules shall be subject to disciplinary action, revocation of the user account and legal action as appropriate.

Because the Internet contains an unregulated collection of resources, the District cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information or the appropriateness of any material that a student may encounter. Therefore, before using the District's on-line resources, each student and his/her parent/guardian shall be notified of the District's Acceptable Use Agreement. This agreement shall specify user obligations and responsibilities and shall indemnify the District for any damages. The parent/guardian shall agree to not hold the District responsible for materials acquired by the student on the system, for violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence or any costs incurred by users.

Students will not be allowed to use on-line services without direct supervision by teachers, and teacher aides who may be assisted by trained student aides.

Legal Reference:	Education Code
	48980 Required notification at beginning of term
	51006 Computer education and resources
	51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills
	51870-51884 Education Technology Act especially:
	51870.5 Student Internet access
	60044 Prohibited instructional materials
	Penal Code
	313 Harmful matter
	632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications
	United States Code, Title 20
	6801-7005 Technology for Education Act of 1994