

ABINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ABINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

BOARD POLICY STATEMENT

REGARDING: **Acceptable Use of Technology**

Section: **Technology**

Approved: January 23, 2024

Supersedes/Amends Policy

See Also:

Related SAP; School Code Section
4601 et seq; 20 U.S.C. section 1232g;-
18 U.S.C. section 2510 et seq.

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10/16/19, 6/24/20

The Board recognizes the need to establish rules and regulations for the use of District Technology Resources, consistent with the educational and operational goals of the District.

Definitions

For purposes of this Board Policy and the accompanying Superintendent's Administrative Procedure, the following definitions shall be in effect:

District Technology Resources shall mean the following:

1. all networks, servers and telecommunications systems maintained or operated by the District;
2. all District telephone, cellular phone, voicemail, electronic mail, intercom, and internet resources;
3. all District-owned or issued hardware devices such as computers, laptops, tablets, telephones, cellular phones, fax machines, printers, copiers, scanners, etc.;
4. all web-based and cloud-based storage; and
5. web-based and cloud-based applications provided by the District through a third party.

Users are individuals who utilize or attempt to utilize District Technology Resources while on or off District property. The term includes, but is not limited to, students, staff, parents/guardians, and any visitors to the District that may use District Technology Resources.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a Superintendent's Administrative Procedure, consistent with the general guidelines listed below, governing the acceptable use of District Technology Resources.

Guidelines

The use of District Technology Resources shall at all times be in accordance with applicable law and other Board Policies and Superintendent's Administrative Procedures.

Use of District Technology Resources shall primarily be for educational purposes or District employment for purposes including planning lessons or classroom activities, professional or career development, and administrative applications, and is a privilege, not a right, which may be revoked at any time for abusive conduct or violation of the terms outlined in this Board Policy or the accompanying Superintendent's Administrative Procedure. Limited incidental personal use is permitted, so long as such use otherwise complies with this Policy and the accompanying Superintendent's Administrative Procedure, and further provided that such limited incidental personal use does not interfere with and is not disruptive to District or school operations or another User's use of District Technology Resources.

The District reserves the right to monitor, track, and document use of any activity conducted on, over and through District Technology Resources to the extent permitted by law. The District further reserves the right to prevent unauthorized, inappropriate or illegal use of District Technology Resources, and to administer appropriate discipline to Users who violate this Policy or the accompanying Superintendent's Administrative Procedure. Discipline could include, but is not limited to, usage restrictions, loss of access privileges, restitution, referral to law enforcement, and/or any applicable consequence outlined in a student handbook, collective bargaining agreement, or Board Policy/SAP, as appropriate under the circumstances.

Users of District Technology Resources shall have no expectation that their activity on or files or communications stored on or sent through such resources will be private; this includes, but is not limited to, anything that is created, stored, sent, deleted, received or displayed on, over or through District Technology Resources.

The District has the ability to collect, track and store data, such as IP addresses which identify technology devices using and communicating over and through the District's network and other District Technology Resources. The District reserves the right to utilize such data for troubleshooting and investigative purposes.

No personnel or student information which is protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) shall be disseminated to unauthorized users through District Technology Resources. All users of the network must comply with the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), and all other applicable laws, regulations, Board Policies and Superintendent's Administrative Procedures.

Procedures regarding the individualized search of District Technology Resources when the District has reasonable suspicion that a User of District Technology Resources has violated the terms of this Board Policy or the accompanying Superintendent's Administrative Procedure are included in the Superintendent's Administrative Procedure regarding searches.

The availability of information on District Technology Resources does not imply endorsement by the District of such content, nor does the District guarantee the accuracy of such content.

The District shall not be responsible for any information lost, damaged or unavailable while using District Technology Resources.

The District will fully cooperate with local, state and federal officials in any investigation concerning or related to alleged illegal activities of any individuals misusing District Technology Resources.

Users of District Technology Resources shall immediately report any violations of this Policy or the accompanying Superintendent's Administrative Procedure to their building principal, immediate supervisor, or the Director of Information Technology or designee.

Users of District Technology Resources may be required, as a condition of being given access to such resources, to sign a user agreement acknowledging and agreeing to be bound by this Policy and the accompanying Superintendent's Administrative Procedure.