

STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGYInternet Access and Use of Other Electronic Communication and Information Resources

The Board of Education intends that student use of technology, access to the Internet and other electronic resources provided by the Humboldt County Office of Education for use in its programs and schools be used in a safe, responsible, and proper manner to support the instructional program and further student learning. For purposes of these policies and procedures, communication and information technology is defined to include the Internet, electronic and voice mail, technology-based materials, equipment, systems and networks.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations governing students' access to, and use of, communication and information technology when participating in Office of Education programs and schools. These regulations shall prohibit access on the Internet to harmful matter as defined in California Penal Code section 313 and prohibited materials as defined in California Education Code Section 60044 and preclude other misuses of communication and information technology.

To ensure proper use, the Superintendent of Schools or designee reserves the right to monitor the Office of Education's technological resources, including but not limited to e-mail and voice mail systems, at any time without advance notice or consent.

Access to these resources is a privilege. Students participating in Office of Education programs who do not abide by Office of Education policies and regulations may be subject to disciplinary action, such as revocation of user access privileges and/or legal action, as appropriate.

All students participating in Office of Education programs and using these resources shall receive copies of policies, regulations and guidelines relative to their use. Office of Education students and, as appropriate, their parents/guardians shall be asked to acknowledge in writing that they have read and understood these policies, regulations and guidelines.

Because the Internet contains an unregulated collection of resources, the Office of Education cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information or the appropriateness of any material that a student may encounter.

Before using the Internet through the Office of Education's resources, each student and, as appropriate, his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return an Acceptable Use Agreement. This agreement shall specify user obligations and responsibilities and shall indemnify the Office of Education for any damages. The parent/guardian shall agree to not hold the Office of Education 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.

Use of Office of Education Computers 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 shall ensure that the operation of such a measure is enforced.

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 personal 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

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

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, Title II, Part D, especially:

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 Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47

54.520 Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, E-rate discounts

Policy

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