

Downey Unified School District

INSTRUCTION

STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY

BP 3136.2

The Board of Education intends that technological resources provided by the District be used in a safe, responsible, and proper manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning. The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of District computers, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities in accordance with District regulations and the District's Internet and Technology Use Agreement.

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, pornographic, or harmful to minors and the operation of such measures is enforced. 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.

To reinforce these measures, the Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful and inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities. Staff shall supervise students while they are using online services.

Before a student is authorized to use the District's technological resources, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the Internet and Technology Use Agreement specifying user obligations and responsibilities. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree not to hold the District or any District staff responsible for the failure of any technology prevention measures, violations of copyright restrictions, user mistakes, or negligence. They shall also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the District and District personnel for any damages or costs incurred.

The Superintendent or designee also shall establish regulations to address the safety and security of students and student information when using email, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication.

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 on line, 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.

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The Superintendent or designee, with input from appropriate staff, shall regularly review and update this Policy, the accompanying Administrative Regulation, and other relevant procedures to enhance the safety and security of students using the District's technological resources and to help insure that the District adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

Students who fail to abide by District rules shall be subject to disciplinary action, revocation of the user privileges and legal action, as appropriate.

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