Student Use of Technology

It is the policy of the Board that appropriate technological tools and training to allow students to function successfully in society shall be available to students enrolled in County Office of Education programs. Technology shall be used as appropriate to access the Internet and other online resources and to support diverse delivery systems, including distance and virtual 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 program staff may monitor or examine all system activities to ensure proper use of the system. Students who fail to abide by program rules shall be subject to disciplinary action, revocation of the user account and legal action as appropriate.

Before using the Office’s online resources, each student and 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 for any damages. The parent/guardian shall agree to not hold the Office 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.

Staff shall supervise students while using online services and may ask paraeducators and volunteers to assist in this supervision.

Legal References:
- Education Code 51006 Computer education and resources
- Education Code 51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills
- Education Code 51870-51874 Education Technology
- Penal Code 313 Harmful matter
- Penal Code 502 Computer crimes, remedies
- United States Code, Title 20, 6777 Internet safety
- United States Code, Title 20, 6801-6979 Technology for Education Act of 1994
- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 16, 312.1-312.12 Children’s online privacy protection
- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, 54.520 Internet safety policy and technology protection measures

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