

SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BP 6163.4(a)

Instruction

Student Use of Technology

The Governing Board intends that computer and Internet-based resources provided by the District be used in a responsible and proper manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning. (cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan) (cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites) (cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology) (cf. 6010 - Goals and Objectives) (cf. 6162.7 - Use of Technology in Instruction) (cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

This policy shall not be construed to limit pupil rights to free speech as protected by the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, Education Code sections 48907 and 48950, and other applicable law.

Definitions

"Technology" includes access to the Internet, Internet-and network-based resources, computers, tablets, telephones, cellular telephones, and personal digital, devices, such as, MP3 players, iPod's, USB drives, wireless access points, or any wireless communication device.

"District Technology" is that which is owned or provided by the District.

"Personal Technology" is non-District Technology.

Use of District Technology

The District provides technology as a means to support the instructional program of the school. Means students may use these resources for classroom activities and other school-related work. Students may not use District Technology for commercial purposes; students may not offer, provide, or purchase products or services using District Technology. Students may use District Technology only for class assignments or for personal research on subjects similar to what they might study in a class or in the school library. Use solely for entertainment purposes or personal communication, is not allowed.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of District Technology and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities. (cf. 5144 - Discipline) (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process) (cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process: Students with Disabilities) (cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Use of Personal Technology

Use of Personal Technology may violate this Policy if the District reasonably believes the conduct or speech will cause actual, material disruption of school activities. This Policy and accompanying Administrative Regulation will provide students with guidance in order to avoid such disruption.

Internet-based Resources and 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 that the operation of such measures is enforced. (20 USC 7001, 47 USC 254)

The Board desires to protect students from access to harmful matter on the Internet or other online services. The Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet. He/she also shall establish regulations to address the safety and security of students when using electronic and other forms of Internet-based 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 online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute bullying, and how to respond when subjected to bullying.

Disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding students are prohibited.

Staff shall supervise students while they are using online services and may ask teacher aides to assist in this supervision.

Acceptable Use Agreement

Before students are authorized to use District Technology and/or bring personal mobile devices to school or school activities, they and their parent/guardian are required to sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement. Parents must agree not to hold the District or its personnel responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, user mistakes or negligence, or any costs incurred by users. Parents also will acknowledge they may be held liable for damages caused by their child's intentional misuse of District or Personal Technology.

Oversight

To help ensure that the District adapts to changing technologies and circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly review this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation and other procedures. He/she shall also monitor the District's filtering software to help ensure its effectiveness.

Access to Social Networking Sites

The District permits students ~~to~~ access to social networking sites, when such access is age appropriate and supportive of instructional objectives.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

48980 Required notification at beginning of term
 51006 Computer education and resources
 51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills
 51870-51874 Education Technology
 51870.5 Student Internet access
 60044 Prohibited instructional materials

PENAL CODE

313 Harmful matter
 502 Computer crimes, remedies
 632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6801-6979 Technology for Education Act of 1994
 7001 Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, Title III funds

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

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47

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

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

K-12 Network Technology Planning Guide: Building the Future, 1994

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1223.94 Acceptable Use of Electronic Information Resources

WEB SITES

Federal Communications Commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

Commission on Online Child Protection: <http://www.copacommission.org>

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org>

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>