

Kings County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools Board/Superintendent Policy

BP/SP 6163.4
Instruction

STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Governing Board and the County Superintendent of Schools (the Superintendent) recognizes that technology provides ways to access the most current and extensive sources of information. Technology also enables students to practice skills and to develop reasoning and problem-solving abilities. Every effort shall be made to provide equal access to technology throughout the County Office's schools and classes.

The Governing Board and the Superintendent intend that technological resources provided by the County Office be used in a 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 County Office computers and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide developmentally appropriate instruction regarding the County Office's acceptable use agreement, including instruction on the safe use of social networking sites and other Internet services including, but not limited to, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, and how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats.

Technological Services/Internet Access

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all County Office 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 6777, 47 USC 254)

The technology protection measure that blocks and/or filters Internet access may be disabled by an authorized staff member for bona fide research purposes with permission of the immediate supervisor of the staff member requesting said disabling or with the permission of an administrator of the County Office.

An authorized staff member may override the technology protection measure that blocks and/or filters Internet access for a minor to access a site for bona fide research

or other lawful purposes during which time the minor will be monitored directly by the authorized staff member or his/her designee.

The County Office desires to protect students from access to harmful matter on the Internet or other technological 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 mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communication.

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

Student use of County Office computers to access social networking sites is prohibited. To the extent possible, the Superintendent or designee shall block access to such sites on County Office computers with Internet access.

The County Office reserves the right to refuse access to the Internet by Kings County Office of Education to anyone when it deems it necessary.

Because the internet contains an unregulated collection of resources, the County Office cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information or the appropriateness of any material that a student may encounter. Therefore, before using the County Office's technological resources, each student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return an Acceptable Use Agreement specifying user obligations and responsibilities. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree to not hold the County Office responsible and shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the County Office and all County Office personnel for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or any costs incurred by users.

Staff shall supervise students while using technological services and may ask teacher aides, student aides, and volunteers to assist in this supervision.

In order to help ensure that the County Office 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 County Office's filtering software to help ensure its current and operational.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

- 48980 Required notification at beginning of term
- 51006 Computer education and resources
- 51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills
- 51870-51884 Education Technology Act especially:

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
6777 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

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

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

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>

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

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