

BOARD POLICY

Internet, and Other On-Line Information Services, Use of

The Garden Grove Unified School District maintains and provides access to the Internet, educational web sites, and other online information services to students and employees. The Board of Education believes in the educational value of such services to develop the technological skills of students, support the curriculum, and assist in administrative responsibilities.

The district provides access to the Internet and other on-line information services as a privilege, not a right. As a condition of receiving access privileges, parents/guardians and students must sign a contract in which they acknowledge the benefits and the risks of on-line access and the consequences for misuse, and release claims against the district for their child's use of the district's technology. Parents/guardians are provided the opportunity to deny permission for their student to have access privileges in district schools.

It is recognized that neither the district nor individual schools can fully control the content of information available on the Internet and other on-line information services. Electronic information resources are invaluable for classroom use and study; however, some of the content is controversial and offensive in nature. It is the intent of the Board to protect students from access to inappropriate material and harmful matter on the Internet or other on-line services. To this end, the superintendent shall establish the administrative regulation for Internet safety and technology use governing the following:

1. Access by users to harmful matter and other inappropriate material.
2. Appropriate on-line behavior, including the safety and security of users when using electronic mail, chat rooms, social networking websites, and other forms of direct electronic communications.
3. Unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other activities prohibited by law and/or district policy.
4. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information.
5. Measures designed to restrict access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors and that the operation of such measures is enforced.
6. Monitoring on-line activities.

7. Access for publishing information on district and school-sponsored web sites.
8. Cyberbullying awareness and response.

The 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. If student use of personal technology causes disruption to the school community, the student may be subject to disciplinary action.

Parents/guardians shall be given annual notification of the district's Internet Policy.

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20 USC 6777; 47 USC 254

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