

BOARD POLICY

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Instruction

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USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

The governing board recognizes the importance of student access to electronics-based research tools and to master skills which can be applied to the latest technologies which enhance learning, problem solving, and research skills. With these opportunities come responsibilities which require adherence to ethical and legal mandates associated with access to a myriad of such resources. It is the purpose of this policy to establish acceptable expectations regarding student and employee actions with respect to the use of district technology and electronic resources.

Providing students and employees with the opportunity to conduct curricular exploration and research through the use of technology and the Internet is an integral part of the educational process. Students and employees are encouraged to avail themselves of the information, knowledge, and materials available through electronic mail, other electronic learning resources, and the Internet for purposes of classroom assignments, research projects, or job-related activities as outlined in the Student Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement.

Use of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District's technology and electronic network system is a privilege and comes with much the same privileges and responsibilities associated with use of the library or other reference sources as outlined in the Student Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement. Access to the Internet is provided to students for purposes of learning, and therefore should be used for educational purposes, and in the case of employees, primarily for work-related purposes. Student and employee users should use discretion in their choice of materials and information viewed, and should respect current copyright laws.

Student Use of Technology

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized student 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 Student Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding the district's Student Network/Internet 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.

The Superintendent or designee, with input from students and appropriate staff, shall regularly review this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation and other relevant procedures to help ensure that the district adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district Internet access has technology protection measures that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, pornographic, violent or harmful to minors, and that the operation of such measures is enforced.

The Board desires to protect students from access to inappropriate matter on the Internet. 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 and student information when using email, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication, and other social networking sites deemed appropriate.

Before using district technological resources, each student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return a Student Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement specifying user obligations and responsibilities. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree to not hold the district or any district staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or users' mistakes or negligence. They shall also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and district personnel for any damages or costs incurred.

Use of Student Personal Technology Devices for Online Services/Internet Access

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all students will have the opportunity to bring their own personal technology devices for academic use, under the guidelines of the Student Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all students have access to the district's electronic communications system for educational purposes while on the school grounds. The electronic communications system is defined as the district's network, servers, computers, mobile devices, peripherals, applications, databases, online resources, Internet access, email, and any other technology designated for use by students.

It will be each student's responsibility to follow the rules for appropriate and responsible use. Access to the district's network is a privilege and administrators and faculty may review files and messages to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are acting responsibly. The district is not responsible for technology devices that are brought to school from home by students or faculty members.

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