

BUSD Technology Report



Example of Google Translate app: photo from The Atlantic

Technology Training with ELAC

Connecting ELAC parents and Schools with Technology

On April 13, I was asked to present to our ELAC community on ways to support BUSD parents with technology. During this training, we provided parents the opportunity to sign up for email accounts, discussed how to communicate with schools online, and introduced parents to our Clever student portal so students can access their learning programs at home as well as school.

The highlight of the training was introducing our parents to the free Google Translate app that uses a phone's camera and automatically translates the text on signs and documents to the language of your choice. Many parents downloaded the tool right on the spot and began testing out the app.

The training was a great way to further support our ELAC families in order to continue to encourage our students' academic success.

Student Data Privacy for Student Software

Keeping Our Students' Personal Information Secure in our Schools

There are many new state and federal guidelines for keeping student data safe in schools, such as AB 1584 and FERPA. In order to keep our students' personal information safe as well as to meet the state and federal requirements, BUSD is utilizing the California Student Data Privacy Agreement from the California Student Privacy Alliance. The California Student Privacy Alliance has partnered with the law firm Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost to create this free, legally vetted privacy contract that can be shared across school Districts in California. The CSDPA allows vendors to sign a contract addendum,

Exhibit E, making the CSDPA a piggy-backable or umbrella agreement, requiring only the additional signature of the district to make it binding and to eliminate further privacy negotiations for that particular resource. This ultimately means that BUSD can better keep our student information secure in a more efficient manner.

Aeries Parent Portal Expanding to all BUSD Schools

Keeping Parents Informed about Student Grades and Information

Aeries Parent Portal allows a parent or guardian to log in to access a student's grades and information electronically. Sullivan Middle School has been using this feature for the last few years, however, now we are expanding this service to all of our school campuses.

Aeries Parent Portal also allows parents to confirm their parent contact information, emergency contact information, and more. Plus, through Aeries Parent Data Confirmation, parents can submit all back-to-school forms and documents online, saving families and District employees time of handwriting and re-typing student information at the start of every year. Aeries Parent Data Confirmation will begin this month in order to accurately receive student information and enrollment expectations for the 2018-2019 school year. Families that do not have access to technology at home will be able to receive technological and translation support at each school office.