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USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN INSTRUCTION

The Elk Grove Unified School District (District) Board of Education (Board) encourages the instructional use of technologies. The Board perceives that these technologies:

- a) give students new ways to access information and practice skills;
- b) help teachers meet a wide range of learning styles;
- c) enable teachers to move from whole-class instruction to a mixture of small-group and individualized instruction;
- d) help students develop reasoning and problem-solving abilities and,
- e) will be a part of each student's everyday life.

The Board recognizes that trained staff are needed to make the best use of the district's technology. Staff shall receive training in using the technologies available to them. All district schools shall have the opportunity to obtain computers, software and other equipment.

The district's educational software shall be carefully selected and evaluated so as to meet the staffs' and students' needs and conform with district policy and regulations. Software requests will be compared to published lists of recommended titles to assure educational appropriateness. Multiple copy purchases of a software title will follow the same procedure as the district's textbook adoption process.

INTERNET access shall be available for staff and students. The use of the INTERNET shall be evaluated so as to meet the staffs' and students' needs and conform with District policy and regulations. Before using on-line services, the staff or student and parent/guardian shall sign the District's *Application for Educational Use of the INTERNET* indicating that the user will abide by the conditions and understands that the District makes no guarantee to provide access to all INTERNET sites and has no rights to privacy.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations governing the use of the district's on-line services. She/He shall ensure that the users have no expectations of privacy and understand that the district staff may monitor or examine all on-line activities to ensure proper use of the system. Users who fail to abide by these regulations shall be subject to disciplinary action, revocation of user privileges, and legal action as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that prevents access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or – with respect to use of computers with Internet access by minors – harmful to minors and that the operation of such measures is enforced. The Superintendent or designee may disable the technology protection measure during use by an adult to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that;

- Access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web is restricted via a technology protection measure.

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- The safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications is secured via a technology protection measure to the extent possible.
- Administrative regulations prohibiting unauthorized access including “hacking” and other unlawful activities by minors or staff are established.
- Administrative regulations prohibiting the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors are established.
- Measures designed to restrict minors’ access to materials harmful to minors are established.
- Age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services is provided. 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 cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying.

The principal or designee shall ensure that all students using technology resources receive training in their proper use as well as copies of the district’s acceptable use policy and regulations.

(cf. 3512 - Equipment)
(cf. 4132 - Publication or Creation of Materials)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51865 California distance learning policy

51870-51884 Educational Technology Act of 1992

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.1 Rights of employee organizations

PENAL CODE

502 Computer crimes, remedies

632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6801-6979 Technology for Education Act

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 47

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

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