STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY/ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Board of Trustees recognizes that technology is a vehicle to access the most current and extensive sources of information throughout the district's schools and classrooms. The use of technology enables students to practice academic skills and to develop problem-solving abilities. The Governing Board intends that technological resources provided by the district be used in a responsible and proper manner ins 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 district computers and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities.

The objective of this policy is to provide appropriate, open and equal access to local, national and international sources of information and collaboration vital to intellectual inquiry in a democracy.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district 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 7001, 47 USC 254)

The Board desires to protect students from access to harmful matter on the Internet or other on-line 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 is prohibited.

Staff shall supervise students while they are using on-line services and may ask teacher aides and student aides to assist in this supervision.

Before using the district's on-line 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 district responsible and shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and all district personnel for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or any costs incurred by users.

(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)
(cf. E. 6162.7 – District Software/Copyright User Agreement)

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To meet the intent of this policy, the following standards for online service are adopted:

1. The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative procedures governing use of the district's online services to prohibit inappropriate and harmful matter and access to adult content on online electronics services, allow for the safety and security of students when using electronic communications, and preclude other misuses and abuses of the system.

2. The Superintendent or designee shall establish user criteria and access qualifications and ensure that all users receive training in user obligations and responsibilities as well as copies of related district policies and regulations.

3. Each student and parent/guardian and all staff shall sign the district's user contract indicating that all users understand and agree to abide by specific user regulations, obligations and responsibilities. Any user who fails to abide shall be subject to disciplinary action, revocation of the user account and legal action if appropriate.

4. The principal and school staff shall supervise and monitor students while using online services and examine all system activities to ensure proper use of the system.

Legal Reference:

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EDUCATION CODE
48980 Required notification at beginning of term
51006 Computer education and resources
51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills
51870-51874 Education Technology
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
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 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

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CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES
1223.94 Acceptable Use of Electronic Information Resources
WEB SITES
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
CDE: http://www.cde.ca.gov
American Library Association: http://www.ala.org
CSBA: http://www.csba.org

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Harmful matter includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, appeals to the prurient interest and is matter which depicts or describes in a patently offensive way sexual conduct and which lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors. (Penal Code 313)

4. Students shall not disclose, use or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using electronic mail, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communication. Students are also cautioned not to disclose such information by other means to individuals located through the Internet without the permission of their parents/guardians.

Personal information includes the student's name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other individually identifiable information.

5. Students shall not use the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, nor shall they promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law or Board policy.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

6. Copyrighted material shall not be placed on the system without the author's permission. Students may download copyrighted material for their own use only.

(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

7. Students shall not intentionally upload, download or create computer viruses and/or maliciously attempt to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking."

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)

8. Students shall not read other users' electronic mail or files. They shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive electronic mail, nor shall they attempt to delete, copy, modify or forge other users' mail.

9. Students shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the teacher or principal.

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The district reserves the right to monitor any on-line communications for improper use. Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account, may be monitored or read by district officials to ensure proper use of the system.

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Users will not have access to chat rooms, or all other forms of electronic communication, during the instructional day, on or after school hours, without the supervision of Fountain Valley School District classroom employees.

The principal or designee shall make all decisions regarding whether or not a student has violated Board policy or the district's Acceptable Use Agreement. The decision of the principal or designee shall be final.

Inappropriate use shall result in a cancellation of the student's user privileges, disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))