STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY

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Technology directly affects the ways in which information is accessed, communicated, and transferred in society. Educators are expected to continually adapt their means and methods of instruction and the way they approach student learning to incorporate the latest technologies. The Board of Education:

- provides Information & Technology Resources to support the educational and professional needs of its students and staff.
- provides students with access to the Internet for educational purposes only and utilizes online educational services/apps to enhance the instruction delivered to its students.
- regulates the use of District Information & Technology Resources in a manner consistent with applicable local, State, and Federal laws
- utilizes software and/or hardware to monitor the online activity of students to restrict access to child pornography and other material that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate, and/or harmful to minors.

The District's computer network and Internet system do not serve as a public access service or a public forum and the Board imposes reasonable restrictions on its use consistent with its stated educational purpose.

Students are prohibited from using District Information & Technology Resources to engage in illegal conduct or that violates the Student Code of Conduct. Because Information & Technology Resources are not unlimited, the Board may institute restrictions aimed at preserving these resources, such as placing limits on use of bandwidth, storage space, and printers.

Students have no right or expectation to privacy when using District Information & Technology Resources.

Various technologies are used to limit students using Information & Technology Resources to online educational services/apps and resources that have been pre-approved for the purpose of instruction related to the curriculum. It is impossible to prevent students from accessing and/or coming in contact with online content that has not been pre-approved for use by students of certain ages.

Pursuant to Federal law, the Board implements technology protection measures that protect against (e.g., filter or block) access to resources that may be considered inappropriate as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA):

- Any student who attempts to disable the technology protection measures will be disciplined.
- The Technology Director may block or unblock access to websites or online educational services/apps if access to such sites have been mistakenly, improperly, or inadvertently blocked or unblocked by the technology protection measures.

Pursuant to Federal law, students shall receive education about the following:

- safety and security while using e-mail, chat rooms, social media, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
- the dangers inherent with the online disclosure of personally identifiable information;
- the consequences of unauthorized access (e.g., "hacking", "harvesting", "digital piracy", "data mining", etc.), cyberbullying, and other unlawful or inappropriate activities by students online; and
- unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personally-identifiable information regarding minors.

Staff members may monitor the online activities of students while they are at school. Monitoring may include, but is not limited to, visual observations of online activities during class sessions or use of specific monitoring tools to review browser history and network, server, and computer logs.

Students will be assigned a District-provided school email account that they are required to utilize for all school-related electronic communications. As directed and authorized by their teachers, students shall use their school-assigned e- mail account when signing-up/registering for access to various online educational services/apps.

Students are responsible for good behavior when using District Information & Technology Resources – i.e., behavior comparable to that expected of students when they are in physical classrooms and school buildings and at school-sponsored events. General school rules for behavior and communication apply.

Use of Artificial Intelligence/Natural Language Processing Tools For School Work

- Students are required to rely on their own knowledge, skills, and resources when completing school work.
- In order to ensure the integrity of the educational process and to promote fair and equal opportunities for all students, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools (collectively, "AI/NLP tools") is strictly prohibited for the completion of school work, without the express permission/consent of a teacher.
- Students are encouraged to develop their own knowledge, skills, and understanding of course material rather than relying solely on AI/NLP.
- Unauthorized use of AI/NLP tools is considered a form of plagiarism and any student found using these tools without permission or in a prohibited manner will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Students can use AI/NLP tools in the school setting if they receive prior permission/consent from their teacher, so long as they use the AI/NLP tools in an ethical and responsible manner. Teachers have the discretion to authorize students to use AI/NLP tools for the following uses:

- Research assistance
- Data Analysis
- Language translation
- Writing assistance
- Accessibility

If a student has any questions about whether they are permitted to use AI/NLP tools for a specific class assignment, they should ask their teacher.

Users who disregard this policy and its accompanying guidelines may have their use privileges suspended or revoked and disciplinary action taken against them. Users are personally responsible and liable, both civilly and criminally, for uses of District Information & Technology Resources that are not authorized by this policy and its accompanying guidelines.