

The O'Farrell Charter Schools

Board Policy

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Student Use of Thechnology

The Board of Directors intends that technological resources provided by The O'Farrell Charter Schools be used in a safe and responsible manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning. Such technology includes, but is not limited to, equipment, software, online resources, infrastructure, communication systems, and future technological innovations.

All students, parents and guardians must abide by the terms of this Board Policy and the Acceptable Use Agreement signed as part of student registration. Expectations related to responsible and safe use of technology apply whether accessed on or off campus or through school owned or personally owned resources.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of technology, user obligations and responsibilities, appropriate conduct, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities in accordance with this Board Policy and the Acceptable Use Agreement. All students using these resources shall receive instruction annually in their safe, proper, and appropriate use.

The Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the internet and prevent students from engaging in unauthorized or unlawful online activities. Staff are expected to review the technological resources and online sites that will be used in the classroom or assigned to students in order to ensure that they are appropriate for the intended purpose and the age of the students.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on the internet and communication platforms. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, protecting personal information, building awareness of online risks, and recognizing and responding to inappropriate content, interactions, and cyberbullying.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all school devices with student internet access have a technology protection measure that protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene or harmful to minors and that the operation of such measures is enforced. (20 USC 7131; 47 USC 254; 47 CFR 54.520) Although the school makes its best efforts to filter online content, the O'Farrell Charter Schools are not responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures.

The O'Farrell Charter Schools reserves the right to monitor student use of technology within its jurisdiction without advance notice or consent. Records related to student use of technology are not private and may be accessed by the school for the purpose of ensuring proper use and safety. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in use of school technology. Students' personally owned devices shall not be searched except when required by law or in cases where there is a reasonable suspicion, based on specific and objective facts, that the search will uncover evidence of a violation of law, Board Policy, or applicable school rules.

Inappropriate use of technology may result in suspension or termination of the student's user privileges or increased supervision of the student's use of technology as appropriate. Inappropriate use may also result in disciplinary action, and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board Policy.

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