Students

SUBJECT: STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP) REGARDING TECHNOLOGY

The Board will provide access to various computerized information resources through the District's computer system ("DCS") consisting of software, hardware, computer networks, and electronic communications systems. This may include access to email, on-line services, and the Internet. It may include the opportunity for some students to have independent access to the DCS from their home or other remote locations. All use of the DCS, including independent use off school premises, will be subject to this policy. Further, all DCS use must be in support of education or research and consistent with the goals and purposes of the District.

Access to Inappropriate Content/Material

This policy is intended to establish general guidelines for the acceptable student use of the DCS and also to give students and parents or guardians notice that student use of the DCS will provide student access to external computer networks not controlled by the District. The District cannot screen or review all of the available content or materials on these external computer networks, thus, some of the available content or materials on these external networks may be deemed unsuitable for student use or access by parents or guardians. Students are expected to engage in age-appropriate and educationally-appropriate uses of technology, and the adults who teach and supervise students are expected to reinforce these expectations. Parents are expected to share in the responsibility to reinforce these expectations and establish appropriate boundaries for their children. The acceptable use standards outlined in this policy apply to student use of technology via the DCS or any other electronic media or communications, including by means of a student's own personal technology or electronic device on school grounds or at school events.

Standards of Acceptable Use

Generally, the same standards of acceptable student conduct that apply to any school activity, as outlined in the *Code of Conduct*, apply to use of the DCS and the personal use of technology on school grounds or at school-related events. This policy does not attempt to articulate all required and/or acceptable uses of the DCS, nor is it the intention of this policy to define all inappropriate usage.

District students must also adhere to the laws, policies, and rules governing computers including, but not limited to, copyright laws, rights of software publishers, license agreements, and student rights of privacy created by federal and state law.

Students who engage in unacceptable use of the DCS or their own personal technology may lose access in accordance with applicable due process procedures, and may be subject to further discipline in accordance with the District *Code of Conduct*.

Any/all electronic files, student data files, other electronic storage areas, and/or electronic means of communication using the District’s DCS are considered District property subject to control and inspection. The District’s technology department may access all files, storage areas, and communications without prior notice to ensure system integrity and that users are complying with the requirements of this policy. Students should not expect that information stored on the DCS will be private.

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Student Use of Personal Technology

For the purposes of this policy, "personal technology" is distinguished from technology that may be provided by the District for students to use as a part of the educational process. Personal technology includes but is not limited to all existing and emerging technology devices that can take photographs; record or play audio or video; input text; upload and download media; connect to or receive information from the Internet; and transmit or receive messages, telephone calls, or images.

Instructional Purposes

Personal technology use by students is permitted during the school day for instructional purposes and/or in approved locations only. Teachers and/or administrators will have the discretion to decide when the use of personal technology is allowable during instructional time. Students are expected to act responsibly and thoughtfully when using technology resources in ways that are age-appropriate and educationally appropriate. Students must first inquire with school administrators or teachers if they are unsure of the permissibility of a particular use of technology.

Instructional purposes include, but are not limited to, approved classroom activities, research, college admissions activities, career development, communication with experts, homework, and other activities as deemed appropriate by school staff.

Non-Instructional Uses

As required by New York State Law and Policy 7316: Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices During the School Day, students are prohibited from using internet-enabled devices for non-instructional purposes during the school day, except as otherwise permitted in Policy 7316: Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices During the School Day.

Liability

The District will not be liable for the loss, damage, or theft of any personal technology brought to school property or any school-sponsored event. The District reserves the right to confiscate personal technology when the administration has reasonable suspicion to believe that a violation of school policy, the *Code of Conduct*, or criminal law has occurred.

Students are expressly prohibited from using personal technology in locker rooms, restrooms, nurses' offices, and any other areas where a person would reasonably expect some degree of personal privacy.

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Prohibition During Assessments

All students are prohibited from having access to electronic devices in a classroom or other location where a New York State assessment or any local assessment is being administrated. Test proctors, test monitors, and school officials have the right to collect prohibited electronic devices prior to the start of the test and hold them while the test is being administered, including break periods. Admission to any assessment will be denied to any student who refuses to relinquish a prohibited device.

Students with disabilities may use certain devices if the device is specified in that student's IEP or 504 plan, or a student has provided verified medical documentation that they require the device during testing.

Permission

Students will not be permitted to use personal technology devices in school or at school functions until they have reviewed the AUP and the applicable sections of the *Code of Conduct* with their parents. The District reserves the right to restrict student use of District-owned technologies and personal technology on school property or at school sponsored events.

Students must follow the guidelines for use set forth in the District *Code of Conduct* and the AUP at all times. Consequences for the inappropriate use of technology may result in disciplinary consequences consistent with the District's *Code of Conduct*.

Notification

The District's AUP will be disseminated to parents and students on an annual basis, in order to provide notice of the school's requirements, expectations, and students' obligations when accessing the DCS.

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #7550 -- Dignity for All Students
#8271 -- Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy
District *Code of Conduct*

General Obligations Law § 3-112

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