

Lower Merion School District

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K-12 TECHNOLOGY: SAFETY,
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The District has an affirmative responsibility to protect students from inappropriate, harmful, and unlawful content and from unauthorized or unsafe access through the District's technology resources. In accordance with applicable law, including the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), the District shall implement and maintain filtering, blocking, and other technical safeguards to prevent such access to the greatest extent reasonably possible. The District shall establish and enforce safety restrictions, supervision practices, and usage controls for student and staff use of technology. The District shall also maintain a rigorous vetting process for approving teacher and staff requests to use additional technology resources, websites, applications, and similar tools for educational purposes. That process shall include review of curriculum alignment, educational necessity, age and developmental appropriateness, student data privacy, security, and legal compliance before any such resource is used with students.

Any user who compromises, disables, bypasses, or intentionally attempts to circumvent the district's filtering tools, safety restrictions, or security controls shall be subject to disciplinary action and any other appropriate consequences permitted by District policy and/or applicable law.

When students are issued or use District devices, those devices remain District property and all general technology rules always apply (on or off campus). Students are responsible for care and appropriate use. Devices may be monitored or accessed for technical or safety reasons.

District technology resources may be monitored, reviewed, and accessed as necessary to protect student safety, ensure appropriate use, determine the amount of time students use them and assess their educational value, maintain system security, and enforce District policy. Accordingly, users should not expect privacy when using District Technology Resources. Any such monitoring or access shall be conducted in accordance with applicable law and District procedures.

District Technology Resource security shall be designed and maintained to limit access to designated users, authorized purposes, and approved areas only, and to reduce the risk of students encountering inappropriate content, unsafe communications, or unauthorized access.

Cross References:

- Board Policy and Admin. Reg. 114 (Individual Student Supports and Services)
- Board Policy and Admin. Reg. 235 (Student Rights and Responsibilities)

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- Board Policy 134.1 (Generative Artificial Intelligence)
- Board Policy and Admin. Reg. 141 (K-12 Technology Use)