

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS

Board Policy

BP 6163.4

INSTRUCTION

Student Use of Technology

The Governing Board intends that technological resources provided by the district be used in a safe, responsible, and proper manner in 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, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities in accordance with district regulations and the district's Acceptable Use Policy.

The Superintendent or designee, with input from appropriate staff, shall regularly review and update this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation, and other relevant procedures to enhance the safety and security of students using the district's technological resources and to help ensure that the district adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

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 6777, 47 USC 254)

To reinforce these measures, the Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized, unlawful or unsafe online activities. Staff shall supervise students while they are using online services and may have teacher aides assist in this supervision.

Cyber Safety

The Superintendent or designee also shall establish regulations to address the safety and security of students and student information when using email, chat rooms, blogs, wiki's, podcasts and other forms of electronic communication.

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The Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on electronic social media sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, the dangers of posting personal information online, fight pages, sexting, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyber bullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyber bullying and/or any other content that may significantly disrupt instruction or create a dangerous environment for students and/or staff.

Student use of district computers to access electronic social media sites is restricted to only those sites either hosted by, or approved by the district. To the extent possible, the Superintendent or designee shall block access to restricted sites on district computers with Internet access.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51006 Computer education and resources
51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills
51870-51874 Education technology
60044 Prohibited instructional materials

PENAL CODE

313 Harmful matter
502 Computer crimes, remedies
632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications
653.2 Electronic communication devices, threats to safety

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

6501-6506 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6751-6777 Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, Title II, Part D,
especially:
6777 Internet safety

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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 Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47
54.520 Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, E-rate discounts

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2007

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS
How to Protect Kids' Privacy Online: A Guide for Teachers, December 2000

MY SPACE.COM PUBLICATIONS
The Official School Administrator's Guide to Understanding MySpace and Resolving Social Networking Issues

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org>
California Coalition for Children's Internet Safety: <http://www.cybersafety.ca.gov>
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use: <http://csriu.org>
Federal Communications Commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>
Federal Trade Commission, Children's Online Privacy Protection:
<http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/privacyinitiatives/childrens.html>
U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>
Web Wise Kids: <http://www.webwisekids.org>