

OOLOGAH-TALALA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COMPUTER USE

The Board of Education believes that the availability of computers and computer technology will enhance the learning opportunities of our students and the teaching capabilities of our teachers. The Board also believes that students and faculty members should be provided as much freedom as possible to explore the world of technology and to benefit from the educational opportunities it provides. It is the policy of this Board that equal access to educational opportunities be provide to all students and faculty and that such access be denied only for cause. However, the Board recognizes that new technology also provides opportunities for some to violate the rights and privileges of others. Therefore, the board has directed the superintendent to develop rules, regulations and procedures governing the use of computers and computer technology in this district.

Such rules and regulations are incorporated into this policy and are part of this policy. References to this policy shall include any rules and regulations attached to it or incorporated within it.

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(REGULATION)

In accordance with the policy of the Board of Education, this regulation governs the use of computers and computer technology in this school district.

Personal computers not owned by the school district shall not be used in school except with permission of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.

School district computers and computer accessories will be used only by the students and faculty members. School district patrons may be permitted to use school equipment only under certain circumstances as determined by the Board of Education. Permission to use school computers or other school technology is granted as a privilege which may be withdrawn for violation of this policy or for failure to follow the verbal or written instructions and directions of school faculty or system operators.

Persons who use school district computers, students, faculty and patrons (users) will read and indicate understanding of any rules and procedures posted on classroom bulletin boards, computer bulletin boards, or computer operating procedures in either hardcopy (typed or written) or soft copy (recorded electronically within the computer or a computer accessory) or specific class instructions.

Teachers or instructors of any class in which computers are used will establish written procedures for the use of computers and computer technology within the framework of that particular class and will insure that all members of the class read and understand such procedures.

Students and faculty using a school computer for the purpose of telecommunications with any other computer within the district or outside the district, private or commercial computer bulletin board, or any computer network such as Internet, will read and indicate an understanding of the rules and procedures governing such telecommunications and will adhere thereto.

Users will not upload or download any copyrighted material. It is the user's responsibility to determine if material is copyrighted. Users will not copy school district computer software for any reason. Backup copies of computer software will be made only by authorized faculty members and will be maintained by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.

Computer software will be installed into, or removed from, school district computers only by, or at the direction of, an authorized faculty member. No commercial software will be installed in or used on a district computer except in accordance with a user site license granted by the software developer. Students are prohibited from installing software of any kind or loading or reading personal data into a school district computer or computer system except as part of a class project or except as directed by authorized faculty members. Personally owned floppy diskettes or tape cartridges or any other removable media will not be used in school computers except as authorized by a classroom teacher or other authorized school faculty member.

In addition to reading and adhering to any on-line rules and procedures, users will not use profanity or abusive language toward, or otherwise harass, any other user or system operator of any bulletin board or telecommunications entity.

Telecommunication users will not log into any area which obviously contains pornographic material in any form. Users will not download any form of pornographic material. Students must obtain a Computer User Consent form and have the form signed by the student's parent, legal guardian or other legal custodian before using any district computer which has telecommunication capabilities. It is the responsibility of the classroom teacher, instructor, or the appropriate faculty member to insure that such form is on file before a student is permitted to use computer telecommunications equipment.

Violations' of this policy by an employee of the school district may result in disciplinary proceedings including the termination of employment.

Violations of this policy by students may result in disciplinary proceedings including suspensions and the loss of user privileges.

Violations of this policy by school patrons may result in the loss of privileges.