

EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Governing Board recognizes that technological resources can enhance employee performance by improving access to and exchange of information, offering effective tools to assist in providing a quality instructional program, and facilitating district and school operations. The Board expects all employees to learn to use the available technological resources that will assist them in the performance of their job responsibilities. As needed, employees shall receive training in the appropriate use of these resources.

Employees shall be responsible for the appropriate use of technology and shall use the district's technological resources only for purposes related to their employment. Such use is a privilege, which may be revoked at any time.

Employees should be aware that computer files and communications over electronic networks, including e-mail and voice mail, are not private. These technologies shall not be used to transmit confidential information about students, employees or district operations without authority.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that prevents access to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography, and that the operation of such measures is enforced. The Superintendent or designee may disable the technology protection measure during use by an adult to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purpose. (20 USC 6777; 47 USC 254)

To ensure proper use of the system, the Superintendent or designee may monitor the district's technological resources, including e-mail and voice mail systems, at any time without advance notice or consent. If passwords are used, the Superintendent or designee must know them so that he/she may have system access.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations, which outline employee obligations and responsibilities related to the use of district technology. He/she also may establish guidelines and limits on the use of technological resources. Inappropriate use shall result in a cancellation of the employee's user privileges, disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide copies of related policies, regulations and guidelines to all employees who use the district's technological resources. Employees shall be asked to acknowledge in writing that they have read and understood these policies, regulations and guidelines.

In the event that the use of an electronic resource affects the working conditions of one or more employees, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the employees' exclusive representative.

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51870-51874 Education technology

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.1 Rights of employee organizations

PENAL CODE

502 Computer crimes, remedies

632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47

254 Universal service discounts (E-rate)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47

54.520 Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, E-rate discounts

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6751-6777 Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, No Child Left Behind Act, Title II, Part D

6777 Internet Safety

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

K-12 Network Technology Planning Guide: Building the Future, 1994

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1223.94 Acceptable Use of Electronic Information Resources

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Federal Communications Commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org>

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On-Line/Internet Services: User Obligations and Responsibilities

Employees are authorized to use district equipment to access the Internet or on-line services in accordance with Governing Board policy and the user obligations and responsibilities specified below.

1. The employee in whose name an on-line services account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Employees shall keep account information, home addresses and telephone numbers private. They shall use the system only under their own account number.
2. Employees shall use the system responsibly and primarily for work-related purposes.
3. Employees shall not access, post, submit, publish or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or political beliefs.
4. Employees shall not use the system to promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law, Board policy or administrative regulations.
5. Copyrighted material shall not be placed on the system without the author's permission. Employees may download copyrighted material only in accordance with applicable copyright laws.
6. Employees shall not intentionally upload, download or create computer viruses and/or maliciously attempt to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking."
7. Employees shall not read other users' electronic mail or files. They shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive electronic mail, nor shall they attempt to read, delete, copy, modify or forge other users' mail.
8. Users shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the Superintendent or designee.

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Personnel

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF DISTRICT FROM LIABILITY (EMPLOYEES)

The Mount Shasta Union School District authorizes district employees to use technology owned or otherwise provided by the district as necessary to fulfill the requirements of their position. The use of district technology is a privilege permitted at the district's discretion and is subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth in applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. The district reserves the right to suspend access at any time, without notice, for any reason.

The district expects all employees to use technology responsibly in order to avoid potential problems and liability. The district may place reasonable restrictions on the sites, material, and/or information that employees may access through the system.

The district makes no guarantee that the functions or services provided by or through the district will be without defect. In addition, the district is not responsible for financial obligations arising from unauthorized use of the system.

Each employee who is authorized to use district technology shall sign this Acceptable Use Agreement as an indication that he/she has read and understands the agreement.

Definitions

District technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, the district's computer network including servers and wireless computer networking technology (wi-fi), the Internet, email, USB drives, wireless access points (routers), tablet computers, smartphones and smart devices, telephones, cellular telephones, personal digital assistants, pagers, MP3 players, wearable technology, any wireless communication device including emergency radios, and/or future technological innovations, whether accessed on or off site or through district-owned or personally owned equipment or devices.

Employee Obligations and Responsibilities

Employees are expected to use district technology safely, responsibly, and primarily for work-related purposes. Any incidental personal use of district technology shall not interfere with district business and operations, the work and productivity of any district employee, or the safety and security of district technology. The district is not responsible for any loss or damage incurred by an employee as a result of his/her personal use of district technology.

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The employee in whose name district technology is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Employees shall not share their assigned online services account information, passwords, or other information used for identification and authorization purposes, and shall use the system only under the account to which they have been assigned. Employees shall not gain unauthorized access to the files or equipment of others, access electronic resources by using another person's name or electronic identification, or send anonymous electronic communications. Furthermore, employees shall not attempt to access any data, documents, emails, or programs in the district's system for which they do not have authorization.

Employees are prohibited from using district technology for improper purposes, including, but not limited to, use of district technology to:

1. Access, post, display, or otherwise use material that is discriminatory, defamatory, obscene, sexually explicit, harassing, intimidating, threatening, or disruptive
2. Disclose or in any way cause to be disclosed confidential or sensitive district, employee, or student information without prior authorization from a supervisor
3. Engage in personal commercial or other for-profit activities without permission of the Superintendent or designee
4. Engage in unlawful use of district technology for political lobbying
5. Infringe on copyright, license, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property rights
6. Intentionally disrupt or harm district technology or other district operations (such as destroying district equipment, placing a virus on district computers, adding or removing a computer program without permission, changing settings on shared computers)
7. Install unauthorized software
8. Engage in or promote unethical practices or violate any law or Board policy, administrative regulation, or district practice

Privacy

Since the use of district technology is intended for use in conducting district business, no employee should have any expectation of privacy in any use of district technology.

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The district reserves the right to monitor and record all use of district technology, including, but not limited to, access to the Internet or social media, communications sent or received from district technology, or other uses within the jurisdiction of the district. Such monitoring/recording may occur at any time without prior notice for any legal purposes including, but not limited to, record retention and distribution and/or investigation of improper, illegal, or prohibited activity. Employees should be aware that, in most instances, their use of district technology (such as web searches or emails) cannot be erased or deleted.

All passwords created for or used on any district technology are the sole property of the district. The creation or use of a password by an employee on district technology does not create a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Personally Owned Devices

If an employee uses a personally owned device to access district technology or conduct district business, he/she shall abide by all applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. Any such use of a personally owned device may subject the contents of the device and any communications sent or received on the device to disclosure pursuant to a lawful subpoena or public records request.

Records

Any electronically stored information generated or received by an employee which constitutes a district or student record shall be classified, retained, and destroyed in accordance with BP/AR 3580 - District Records, BP/AR 5125 - Student Records, or other applicable policies and regulations addressing the retention of district or student records.

Reporting

If an employee becomes aware of any security problem (such as any compromise of the confidentiality of any login or account information) or misuse of district technology, he/she shall immediately report such information to the Superintendent or designee.

Consequences for Violation

Violations of the law, Board policy, or this Acceptable Use Agreement may result in revocation of an employee's access to district technology and/or discipline, up to and including termination. In addition, violations of the law, Board policy, or this agreement may be reported to law enforcement agencies as appropriate.

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Employee Acknowledgment

I have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by this Acceptable Use Agreement, BP 4040 - Employee Use of Technology, and other applicable laws and district policies and regulations governing the use of district technology. I understand that there is no expectation of privacy when using district technology or when my personal electronic devices use district technology. I further understand that any violation may result in revocation of user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

I hereby release the district and its personnel from any and all claims and damages arising from my use of district technology or from the failure of any technology protection measures employed by the district.

Name: _____ Position: _____
(Please print)

School/Work Site: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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