

Policy 4040: Employee Use of Technology

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The Governing Board recognizes that technological resources enhance employee performance by offering effective tools to assist in providing a quality instructional program; facilitating communications with parents/guardians, students, and the community; supporting district and school operations; and improving access to and exchange of information. ~~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 professional development in the appropriate use of these resources;~~ enriching curriculum; and enhancing student learning.

~~Employees shall be responsible for the appropriate use of technology and shall use district technology primarily for purposes related to their employment.¶~~

~~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 hardware, software, or future technological innovations software as a service provided or paid for by the district, whether accessed on or off-site or through district-owned or personally owned equipment or devices, including tablets and laptops; computer servers, wireless access points (routers), and wireless computer networking technology (wi-fi); the Internet; email; applications (apps), including artificial intelligence (AI) apps; telephones, cellular or mobile telephones, smartphones, smart devices, and wearable technology; or any wireless communication device, including radios.~~

Employees shall review the prohibited and permitted uses of technology as specified in Board Policy 5131.9 - Academic Honesty, be responsible for the appropriate use of technology, and use district technology primarily for purposes related to their employment consistent with board policies and administrative regulations.

An employee may use technology, including AI apps, to assist the employee in the performance of the employee's professional duties, including, but not limited to, the following specific tasks: developing syllabi, creating curriculum, reviewing student work, suggesting instructional strategies, and researching academic content or instructional techniques. Any employee using technology, including AI, shall review and be responsible for any final product or document; not share confidential student records with a third party, such as an AI app, except as permitted by law; use the technology in accordance with Board Policy 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials, and in a manner otherwise consistent with law, board policies, and administrative regulations. If an employee is unsure about the appropriate use of technology, the employee shall confer with the Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee before using.

As determined by the Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee, employees shall receive professional development in the appropriate use of these resources, including in the use of AI apps.

The Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee shall establish an Acceptable Use Agreement which outlines employee obligations and responsibilities related to the use of district technology, including the use of AI apps. Upon employment and whenever significant changes are made to the district's Acceptable Use Agreement, employees shall be required to acknowledge in writing that they have read and agreed to the Acceptable Use Agreement.

Employees shall not use district technology to access, post, submit, publish, ~~or display~~, or otherwise engage with harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, sexually explicit, or unethical or that promotes any activity prohibited by law, ~~Board~~ board policy, or administrative regulations.

Harmful matter includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, appeals to the prurient interest and is matter which depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct and which lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors. (Penal Code 313)¶

The Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee shall ensure that all district computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors and that the operation of such measures is enforced. The Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee may disable the technology protection measure during use by an adult to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purpose.¶

The Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee shall regularly review current guidance regarding cybersecurity, data privacy, and digital media awareness and incorporate recommended practices into the district's processes and procedures related to the protection of the district's network infrastructure, the monitoring and response to cyberattacks, ensuring data privacy, and managing suspicious and/or threatening digital media content, in accordance with Board Policy 3580 - District Records.

The Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee shall annually notify employees in writing that they have no reasonable expectation of privacy in the use of any ~~equipment or other technological resources provided by or maintained by the district, including, but not limited to, computer files, email, text messages, instant messaging, and other electronic communications, even when provided their own password.~~ district technology, as defined above, even when using their personal devices. To ensure proper use, the Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee may monitor employee usage of district technology at any time without advance notice or consent and for any reason allowed by law.¶

In addition, employees shall be notified that records, including communications, maintained on any ~~personal device accounts or messages sent or received on a personal device that is being~~ devices used to conduct district business ~~may be~~ are subject to disclosure; at the district's request and pursuant to a subpoena or other lawful request.¶

Employees shall report any security problem or misuse of district technology to the Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee.¶

Inappropriate use of district technology may result in a cancellation of the employee's user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or legal action in accordance with law, ~~Board policy, and administrative regulation.~~ board policy, and administrative regulation.

Employees may access their mobile or other communications device if there is a need to seek emergency assistance, assess the safety of a situation, or communicate with a person to confirm the person's safety. (Labor Code 1139)