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INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY GENERAL USE – STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS

The Board of Education is committed to the optimization of student learning and teaching. The Board considers technology to be a valuable tool for education, and encourages the use of computers, computer-related technology, and a variety of electronic devices in District classrooms.

The Board encourages network use (hardwired or wireless) as an integral part of the curriculum. Through the Internet, software applications, on-line databases, bulletin boards and electronic mail, the network will significantly enhance educational experiences and provide statewide, national, and global communication opportunities for staff and students.

Student and staff use of school computers is for school related business use only. The Internet and other electronic research materials are available to teachers and other staff solely for the purpose of supporting our students' educational program and their professional development. Students are encouraged to complete electronic research under certain conditions. Internet use is a privilege, not a right. Users must comply with Board of Education policy and administrative regulations.

The Superintendent shall establish regulations and guidelines governing student use of technology and networks, including who shall have access, acceptable uses of the network, proper use of copyrighted material, and sanctions for inappropriate use. This policy and related guidelines shall be made available to all parents/guardians and students.

Failure to comply with District policy and administrative regulations for use of these technologies and networks will result in disciplinary action up to and including loss of school privileges including computer privileges, electronic device privileges, detention, suspension from school and, where warranted, other civil and/or criminal proceedings.

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