Instruction

STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Governing Board intends that technological resources provided by the district be used in a responsible and proper manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 6010 - Goals and Objectives)
(cf. 6162.7 - Use of Technology in Instruction)
(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of district computers and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities.

(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process: Students with Disabilities)
(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

On-Line Services/Internet Access

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 7001, 47 USC 254)

The Board desires to protect students from access to harmful matter on the Internet or other on-line services. The Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet. He/she also shall establish regulations to address the safety and security of students when using electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communication.

Disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding students is prohibited.

The use of online services is meant for educational purposes and must be connected to staff instructional goals or administrative goals. Staff shall supervise students while they are using on-line services and may ask teacher aides and student aides to assist in this supervision.

Before using the district's on-line resources, each student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return an Acceptable Use Agreement specifying user obligations and responsibilities. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree to not hold the district responsible and
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shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and all district personnel for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or any costs incurred by users.
(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

In order to help ensure that the district adapts to changing technologies and circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly review this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation and other procedures. He/she shall also monitor the district's filtering software to help ensure its effectiveness.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
48980 Required notification at beginning of term
51006 Computer education and resources
51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills
51870-51874 Education Technology
51870.5 Student Internet access
60044 Prohibited instructional materials
PENAL CODE
313 Harmful matter
502 Computer crimes, remedies
632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6801-6979 Technology for Education Act of 1994
7001 Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, Title III funds
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
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47
54.520 Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, E-rate discounts

Management Resources:
CDE PUBLICATIONS
CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES
1223.94 Acceptable Use of Electronic Information Resources
WEB SITES
Commission on Online Child Protection: http://www.copacommission.org
CDE: http://www.cde.ca.gov
American Library Association: http://www.ala.org
CSBA: http://www.csba.org

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The principal or designee shall oversee the maintenance of each school's technological resources and may establish guidelines and limits on their use. He/she shall ensure that all students using these resources receive training in their proper and appropriate use.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
(cf. 6162.7 - Use of Technology in Instruction)

At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians shall receive a copy of the district's policy and administrative regulation regarding access by students to the Internet and on-line sites. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

On-Line/Internet Services: User Obligations and Responsibilities

Students are authorized to use district equipment to access the Internet or on-line services in accordance with user obligations and responsibilities specified below and in accordance with Governing Board policy and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement.

1. When a student is assigned a personal computer account, he/she is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall keep personal account numbers, home addresses and telephone numbers private. They shall use the system only under their own account number.

2. Students shall use the district's system responsibly and primarily for educational purposes.

3. Students 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.

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)
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)

4. Students shall not disclose, use or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using electronic mail, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communication. Students are also cautioned not to disclose such information by other means to individuals located through the Internet without the permission of their parents/guardians.

Personal information includes the student's name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other individually identifiable information.

5. Students shall not use the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, nor shall they promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law or Board policy.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

6. Copyrighted material shall not be placed on the system without the author's permission. Students may download copyrighted material for their own use only.

(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

7. Students shall not intentionally upload, download or create computer viruses and/or maliciously attempt to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking."

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)

8. Students 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 delete, copy, modify or forge other users' mail.

9. Students shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the teacher or principal.

The district reserves the right to monitor any on-line communications for improper use. Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account, may be monitored or read by district officials to ensure proper use of the system.

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)
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The principal or designee shall make all decisions regarding whether or not a student has violated Board policy or the district's Acceptable Use Agreement. The decision of the principal or designee shall be final.

Inappropriate use shall result in a cancellation of the student's user privileges, disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
INTERNET USE
STUDENT USER AGREEMENT

Student Name:____________________________________

I understand that the School District will provide me access to the Internet for educational purposes only. This access is a privilege, not a right. I understand the consequences for failing to adhere to the District’s regulations regarding Internet use.

I have read, understand, and will abide by the following regulations:

1. Technological Resources - Internet Definition & Usage Risks
2. Internet Use - Student Obligations and Responsibilities
3. Rules of Internet Etiquette – “Netiquette”

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Student’s Signature       Date

Parent Authorization

I am the parent/guardian of the student named above. I request that he/she be given access to the Internet for educational purposes and in accordance with the District’s rules and regulations. I have reviewed the above regulations with my student.

I understand the consequences if the provisions of this agreement are violated.

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Parent’s Signature        Date

STUDENT MUST RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DISTRICT BEFORE ACCESS BEGINS

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