

Technology has fundamentally altered the ways in which information is accessed, communicated, and transferred in society. As a result, educators are continually adapting their means and methods of instruction, and the way they approach student learning, to incorporate the vast, diverse, and unique resources available through the Internet. The Board of Education provides Technology Resources (as defined in Bylaw 0100) to support the educational and professional needs of its students and staff. With respect to students, District Technology Resources afford them the opportunity to acquire the skills and knowledge to learn effectively and live productively in a digital world. The Board provides students with access to the Internet for limited educational purposes only and utilizes online educational services/apps to enhance the instruction delivered to its students. The District's computer network and Internet system does not serve as a public access service or a public forum, and the Board imposes reasonable restrictions on its use consistent with its limited educational purpose.

Staff members shall provide instruction for their students regarding the appropriate use of technology and online safety and security as specified above. Furthermore, staff members will monitor the online activities of students while at school. Pursuant to Federal law, students shall receive education about the following:

- A. safety and security while using e-mail, chat rooms, social media, and other forms of direct electronic communications,
- B. the dangers inherent with the online disclosure of personally identifiable information,
- C. the consequence of unauthorized access (e.g., "hacking", "harvesting", "digital Piracy", "data mining", etc.), cyberbullying and other unlawful or inappropriate activities by students online, and
- D. unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personally-identifiable information regarding minors.

Students are responsible for good behavior when using District Technology Resources - i.e. behavior comparable to that expected of students when they are in classrooms, school hallways, and other school premises and school sponsored events. Communications on the Internet are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communication apply. The Board does not approve any use of its Technology Resources that is not authorized by or conducted strictly in compliance with this policy and its accompanying guidelines.

Students will be assigned a school email account that they are required to utilize for all school-related electronic communications, including those to staff members, peers, and individuals and/or organizations outside the District with whom they are communicating for school-related projects and assignments. Further, as directed and authorized by their teachers, they shall use their school-assigned email account when signing-up/registering for access to various online educational services, including mobile applications/apps that will be utilized by the student for educational purposes.

Students may only use District Technology Resources to access or use social media if it is done for educational purposes in accordance with their teacher's approved plan for such use.

Any technology used in classrooms has been pre-approved at the district level through an approval process used to protect student data and other safeguards aligned with COPPA, FERPA, and CIPA.

Student Expectations

- Students will not intentionally visit websites that contain obscene, illegal, hateful or otherwise objectionable materials and will report accidental accessing of such sites in accordance with school procedures.
- Students will use the internet for educational purposes only.
- Students will not copy information into assignments and fail to acknowledge the source.
- Students will never disclose or publicize personal information.
- Students will only download materials or images relevant to their studies.
- Students will be aware that any usage, including distributing or receiving information, school-related or personal, may be monitored for unusual activity, security and/or network management reasons.

Users who disregard this policy and its accompanying guidelines may have their use privileges suspended or revoked, and disciplinary action taken against them. Users are personally responsible and liable, both civilly and criminally, for uses of the District Technology Resources that are not authorized by this policy and its accompanying guidelines.

Personally owned devices are the responsibility of the student. The district will be held harmless for replacement/repair unless an alternative determination is made by the Principal or Director of Technology. If the district suspects that inappropriate activity is taking place on a personally owned device, the district reserves the right to hold the computer and/or cell phone and a parent/guardian will be contacted.

Damage/Replacement Cost

All Chromebooks are covered by an accidental damage insurance policy. If a student damages a district device while it is in their care, the device will be sent for repair, where determination will be made about the damage. All unintentional damage will be covered by the insurance policy. Intentional damage will be billed according to the current repair rate for time and materials, and the parent will be billed directly. If the device cannot be repaired, the following charges will be incurred by the student:

Complete Device Replacement	\$218.25
Repeat Offense (2nd+ Damaged Device)	\$50 per device in addition to cost of repairs or complete device replacement