

Acceptable Use

The Board of Education is committed to optimizing student learning and teaching. The Board considers student access to the Internet to be a powerful and valuable educational and research tool, and encourages the use of computers and computer related technology in district classrooms for the purpose of advancing and promoting learning and teaching.

All users of District Technology resources must understand that use is a privilege, not a right, and that use entails responsibility. The district reserves the right to control access to District provided technology resources. The district may either allow or prohibit certain kinds of online activity, or access to specific websites.

Regulations and protocols, to be developed by the Superintendent, in consultation with the district leadership team and instructional technology staff, will provide specific guidance on this, as well as rules governing the use and security of the district's computer network. All users of the district's technology resources shall comply with this policy and regulation. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action as well as suspension and/or revocation of computer access privileges.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for designating Instructional Technology Staff to oversee the use of district computer resources. The Instructional Technology Staff will prepare in-service programs for the training and development of district staff in computer skills, and for the incorporation of computer use in appropriate subject areas.

With increased concern about cybersecurity, unwarranted invasion of privacy and the need to protect personally identifiable information, prior to students being directed by staff to use any cloud-based educational software/application, staff must get approval from the Instructional Technology Department and Data Privacy Officer. The Data Privacy Officer will determine if a formal contract is required or if the terms of service are sufficient to address privacy and security requirements, in correspondence with NYS Ed-Law 2D regulations.

The Superintendent, working in conjunction with the designated purchasing agent for the district and Instructional Technology Department will be responsible for the purchase and distribution of computer software and hardware throughout the District. They shall prepare and submit for the Board's approval a comprehensive multi year technology plan which shall be revised as necessary to reflect changing technology and/or district needs.

Cross-ref: 5300, Code of Conduct
 5695, Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices

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