

# Mark West Union School District Board Policy 6163.4

## **Instruction**

### **Student Use of Technology**

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

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of district computers, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities in accordance with district regulations and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement.

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 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' mistakes or negligence. They shall also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and personnel for any damages or costs incurred.

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 relevant procedures. He/she shall also monitor the district's filtering software to help ensure its effectiveness.

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.

Staff shall supervise students while they are using on-line services and may ask teacher aides and student aides to assist in this supervision.

### **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)

To reinforce these measures, the Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities.

The Superintendent or designee also shall establish regulations to address the safety and security of students and student information when using email, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication.

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The Superintendent or designee shall provide age appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying.

Student use of district computers to access social networking sites is prohibited. To the extent possible, the Superintendent or designee shall block access to such sites on district computers with Internet access.

Legal Reference:

## EDUCATION CODE

[51006](#) Computer education and resources

[51007](#) Programs to strengthen technological skills

[60044](#) Prohibited instructional materials

## PENAL CODE

[313](#) Harmful matter

[502](#) Computer crimes, remedies

[632](#) Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications

[653.2](#) Electronic communication devices, threats to safety

## UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

[6501-6506](#) Children's Online Privacy Protection Act

## UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[6751-6777](#) Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, Title II, Part D, especially

[6777](#) Internet Safety

## 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;

CSBA Publications

Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2007

## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

How to Protect Kids' Privacy Online: a Guide for Teachers, December 2000

## MY SPACE.COM PUBLICATIONS

The Official School Administrator's Guide to Understanding MySpace and Resolving Social Networking Issues

## WEB SITES:

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org>

California Coalition for Children's Internet Safety: <http://www.cybersafety.ca.gov>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use: <http://csriu.org>

Federal Communications Commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>

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Federal Trade Commission, Children's Online Privacy Protection:  
<http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/privacyinitiatives/childrens.html>  
U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>  
Web Wise Kids: <http://www.webwisekids.org>

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