

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD POLICY NO. 6163.4

ADOPTED: 06/29/98

CLASSIFICATION: Curriculum/Instruction

REVISED: 09/24/12

SUBJECT: Student Use of Technology

The Board recognizes that technology provides ways to access the most current and extensive sources of information available. Technology also enables students to practice skills and to develop reasoning and problem-solving abilities. In addition, electronic resources foster workplace skills that may be transferable to new technologies. Therefore, every effort shall be made to provide equal access to technology throughout the Office.

ON-LINE SERVICES

The Board has constitutionally legitimate pedagogical concerns that the material students access through on-line services be both educational and age appropriate. Pursuant to the accompanying Board Policy 6163.5, it is the intent of the Board to prevent student use of Office access to any on-line services which are not age appropriate, are unhealthy, constitute harmful matter under Penal Code section 313, are pornographic or obscene, or whose dominant appeal is to prurient interests. To discourage access to adult content on-line electronic services and preclude other misuses of the system, the Superintendent or designee shall see to it, so far as is technologically reasonable with filtering software, that the material students are able to access through Office Internet access is age appropriate and educationally suitable.

Staff shall supervise students while using on-line services and may ask paraeducators and student aides to assist in such supervision. Students who fail to abide by regulations promulgated by the Superintendent or designee, or who fail to abide by the Student Acceptable Use Policy or school rules regarding net use, shall be subject to disciplinary action, revocation of the user account, and legal or criminal action as appropriate.

REVISIONS OF NET USE AGREEMENTS

The Superintendent or his designee may revise the Student Acceptable Use Policy from time to time as appropriate. The revised Student Acceptable Use Policy will be brought back to the Board for review and approval subsequent to these revisions.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

51006	Legislative findings, computers
51007	Legislative intent; state policy, computer education programs
51870-51874	Education Technology Act
60044	Prohibited instructional materials

PENAL CODE

313	Harmful matter, definitions
502	Computer crimes, remedies
632 et seq,	Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications

UNITED STATES CODE

20 U.S.C. 6801-7005	Technology for Education Act of 1994
47 U.S.C. 254	Children's Internet Protection Act of 2001

Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free District # 26 v. Pico (1982) 457 U.S. 853.
McCarthy v. Fletcher (1989) 207 Cal.App.3d 130 [254 Cal.Rptr. 714].

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

K-12 Network Technology Planning Guide: Building the Future, 1995

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1223.94 Acceptable Use of Electronic Information Resources

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Governance and Policy Services Policy Brief, July 2007