

Santa Barbara School Districts

Administrative Regulation

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Instruction

STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY

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)

Computers are used to support learning and to enhance instruction. Computer networks allow people to interact with many computers. The Internet, a network of networks, allows people to interact with hundreds of thousands of networks and computers. It is a general policy that all computers used through the district's access to the Internet are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner.

Unacceptable uses include:

- Violating the conditions of the California Education Code dealing with students' rights to privacy.
- Using profanity, obscenity, or other language that may be offensive to other users.
- Re-posting (forwarding) personal communication without the author's prior consent.
- Copying commercial software in violation of copyright laws.
- Using the network for financial gain, for commercial activity, or for any illegal activity.
- Accessing, posting, submitting, publishing or displaying harmful matter or material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or political beliefs.

The person to whom an account is issued is responsible at all times for its proper use.

- Users should change their password frequently.
- Users must not give a password to another user.

Failure to adhere to these rules will result in the following disciplinary action:

1. First misuse: Loss of use of all computers for one week **and** loss of use of computers that have Internet access for rest of the semester.
2. Second misuse: Loss of use of all computers for one month, loss of use of computers that have Internet access for two semesters or one year, **and** a one day suspension from school.

NOTE: These actions are specific to the current school year and start over with the next school year.

Because access to the Internet provides connections to other computer/systems located all over the world, users (and parents of users who are students) must understand that neither the Santa Barbara School Districts or District staff members control the content of the information available on these other systems. Some of the information available is controversial and, sometimes may be offensive. The Santa Barbara School Districts do not condone the use of such materials. Also, the District is taking every action possible to prevent students from accessing inappropriate information.

Acceptable Use Policy Rules and Regulations:

- The Internet account is free to users.
- It is a privilege to receive an Internet address.
- A responsible user of the Internet may keep an account as long as the user is a student in the Santa Barbara School Districts.

A responsible user may:

- Use the Internet to research assigned classroom projects.
- Use the Internet to send electronic mail to other users.
- Use the Internet to explore other computer systems.

A responsible user **MAY NOT**:

- Use the Internet for any illegal purpose.
- Use impolite or abusive language.
- Violate the rules of common sense or etiquette.
- Change computer files that do not belong to the user.

- Send or receive copyrighted material without permission.
- Share his or her password with anyone.
- Access inappropriate or harmful material(s) e.g., pornography, hate or bias-related information

Note that system operators reserve 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.

Following is the Acceptable Use Agreement that is required to be signed and returned to the school by the parent/guardian of each student that will be using the Internet at school.

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

Student's Name _____ School _____

Grade _____ Date _____

Signature of Student User _____

By signing, you acknowledge that you:

- Understand the rules and regulations of the Acceptable Use Policy.
- Realize that, if the rules are violated, your account will be canceled.
- Understand there will be no second chances.

PARENT CONSENT

I have read the Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that the Internet is a world-wide group of hundreds of thousands of computer networks. I know that the Santa Barbara School Districts do not control the content of these Internet networks. When using the Internet, I realize that students may read material that I might consider controversial or offensive. I will not hold the Districts responsible for materials acquired by my child on the system, for violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence or any costs incurred by users. The Santa Barbara School Districts have my permission to give an Internet account to my child. I understand that my child may keep this address as long as the procedures described in the Acceptable Use Policy are followed.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Student _____

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