

# **Santa Barbara School Districts**

## **Board Policy**

**BP 6161.2**

### **Instruction**

#### **MULTIMEDIA TECHNOLOGY FOR GRADES K-12**

It is the goal of the Santa Barbara Elementary/High School Districts that all students be trained in the use of microcomputers and related multimedia technology. Students will develop the skills and confidence to use technology in a wide variety of situations, especially as a tool for problem solving, as a means of enhancing learning, and as an aid in the performance of many different tasks. Effort will be made to eliminate economic, social, and other biases in the use of technology. To achieve the goal of student proficiency in the use of technology, the districts support the continued development of technology education for grades K-12.

For elementary schools, students will develop computer literacy based on a K-6 curriculum that focuses on sequential computer awareness, participation in computer exploration and keyboarding skills.

For secondary schools, there will be available introductory computer literacy courses that will develop competence in keyboarding skills, and provide an introduction to word processing, spreadsheets and graphics. Computer-based business courses will be offered especially data processing, word processing, and computer-based accounting. Other technology-related courses and classroom uses will continue to be developed as funding and trained staff becomes available, and as the need arises. Programming fundamentals may be offered when appropriate.

Use of district funds to purchase new technology hardware and software will be as equitable as possible throughout the school districts. The districts will have as a goal the maintaining of a “program base” for all schools. No school will be penalized or receive less district support because of equipment or software acquired independently by that school through special grants or donations from outside sources. Efforts will be made to distribute resources on a per-student basis.

Specific efforts will be made to seek out and work cooperatively with community individuals and businesses that may contribute to the technology education of Santa Barbara young people.

Because of the rapid change in technology hardware and software, the whole technology education processes, from curriculum to purchase of equipment, it to be reviewed and updated frequently.

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