

SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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RE: ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTER/INTERNET TECHNOLOGY

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 inappropriate information (For example: Pornography, hate or bias-related information, etc.)

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.

