

IX. ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

(For policy in its entirety, see Board Policy #8080)

A. The following apply to student use of school system computer technology:

1. Students are responsible for their behavior on school computer networks.
2. Students may not reveal personally identifiable information (e.g., home phone numbers, addresses, or social security numbers) except in specific circumstances where such information is required to complete academic assignments; in such circumstances prior written consent from the parent of the student whose information is being posted or transmitted is required.
3. Students will access only those network resources for which they have obtained permission, using only the account assigned to them.
4. Students will not create, access, download, store, or print files, messages or images that:
 - a. Depict profanity, obscenity, the use of weapons, or violence
 - b. Promote use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal or harmful products
 - c. Contain sexually suggestive messages
 - d. Are sexually explicit or obscene
 - e. Depict gang affiliation
 - f. Contain language or symbols that demean an identifiable person or group or otherwise infringe on the rights of others
 - g. Cause or are likely to cause a substantial or material disruption to school activities or the orderly operation of the school
 - h. Contain rude, disrespectful, or discourteous expressions inconsistent with civil discourse and behavior
 - i. Constitute bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, or intimidation in violation of Policy 1040, Safe School Environments.

Reasonable exceptions to this provision may be made for students conducting educational research under the direction of a teacher. Specific permission must be granted regarding the nature of the research to be conducted and the type of files related to that research which might be accessed/created.

5. Students may not access online games without the permission of a faculty member.
6. Students in grades pre-K through 8 may not search the Internet independently. Searches conducted by students in grades pre-K through 8 must be confined to approved online databases.

7. Where independent access to the Internet is assigned (see section II.B.8), parent permission is required, and both the student and the parent or guardian must sign the school system use of Internet permission form. By signing this form, the student agrees to provisions of Policy 8080, these procedures, and current user guidelines. Students who are granted independent access under this provision may use school system computer technology to access individual e-mail accounts for school-related purposes during non-instructional periods of the day provided such use is in compliance with the policy (note Standards D and E).