

**EL DORADO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD POLICY**

**Instruction**

**STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY  
BP 6163.4**

The Governing Board intends that technological resources provided by the district be used in a safe, responsible, and proper manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning.

*(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)*  
*(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*  
*(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)*  
*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*  
*(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)*

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of district computers, user obligations and responsibilities, as well as consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities in accordance with district regulations and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement.

*(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma, or Transcripts)*  
*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*  
*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion / Due Process)*  
*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion / Due Process: Students with Disabilities)*  
*(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)*

The Superintendent or designee, with input from students and appropriate staff, shall regularly review this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation, and other relevant procedures to help ensure that the district adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

**USE OF DISTRICT COMPUTERS FOR ON-LINE SERVICES/INTERNET ACCESS**

*Note: 20 USC 6777 mandates that districts adopt an Internet safety policy as a condition of receiving technology funds under Title II , Part D of the No Child Left Behind Act (20 USC 6751-6777) for the purpose of purchasing computers with Internet access or paying for direct costs associated with accessing the Internet. 47 USC 254 also mandates that districts adopt an Internet safety policy in order to qualify for universal service discounts for Internet access (E-rate). This mandate applies to districts that receive E-rate discounts for Internet access, Internet services or internal connections, but not to districts that receive discounts for telecommunications services only.*

*Among the requirements for the policy is that it include the operation and enforcement of a "technology protection measure" that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. As part of the funding application process, a district is required to certify that it has the required policy in place and is enforcing the operation of the technology protection measure. For the first year that a district is applying for funds, 20 USC 6777 and 47 USC 254 allow the district to certify that it does not yet have the policy or technology protection measure in place may instead certify that it is in the process of putting the policy or measure in place, but that it is in the process of putting the policy or measure in place for the second funding year.*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, and that the operation of such measures is enforced. (20 USC 6777, 47 USC 254)

*Note: Districts receiving E-rate discounts are also mandated by 47 USC 254 to adopt a policy that addresses (1) access by minors to “inappropriate matter” on the Internet; (2) safety and security of minors when using e-mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication; (3) unauthorized access, including “hacking” and other unlawful on-line activities by minors; (4) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and (5) measures designed to restrict minors’ access to harmful materials.*

The Board desires to protect students from access to inappropriate matter on the Internet or other on-line services. The Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students’ access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet. He/she also shall establish regulations to address the safety and security of students and student information when using email, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication.

Student use of district computers to access social networking sites is prohibited. To the extent possible, the Superintendent or designee shall block access to such sites on district computers with Internet access.

Before using the district’s technological resources, each student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return an Electronic Information Resource Contract (Form 6163.4). This contract specifies user obligations and responsibilities. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree to not hold the district or any district staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or users’ mistakes or negligence. They shall also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and district personnel for any costs incurred.

*(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)*

Staff shall supervise students while they are using on-line services and may ask instructional assistants, student aides, and volunteers to assist in this supervision.

**Legal Reference:**

*EDUCATION CODE*

- 51006 Computer education and resources*
- 51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills*
- 51870-51874 Education Technology Act especially:*
- 60044 Prohibited instructional materials*

*PENAL CODE*

- 313 Harmful matter*
- 502 Computer crimes, remedies*
- 632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications*

*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20*

*6751-6777 Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, No Child Left Behind Act,  
Title II, Part D  
6777 Internet safety*

*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47*

*254 Universal service discounts (E-rate)*

*CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 16*

*312.1-312.12 Children's online privacy protection*

*CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47*

*54.520 Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, E-rate discounts*

**Management Resources:**

*CSBA PUBLICATIONS*

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

*CDE PUBLICATIONS*

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

*CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES*

*1223.94 Acceptable Use of Electronic Information Resources*

*MY SPACE.COM PUBLICATIONS*

*The Official School Administrator's Guide to Understanding MySpace and Resolving  
Social Networking Issues*

*WEB SITES*

*CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>*

*American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org>*

*California Coalition for Children's Internet Safety: <http://www.cybersafety.ca.gov>*

*CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>*

*Center for Safe and Responsible Internet use: <http://csriu.org> and <http://cyberbully.org>*

*Federal Communications Commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>*

*U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>*

*Web Wise Kids: <http://www.webwisekids.org>*