



Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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Instruction

Student Use of Technology

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.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of district computers, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities in accordance with district regulations and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement. Students must be given equal access to technology regardless of age, gender or cultural heritage.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding the district's acceptable use agreement, including instruction on the safe use of social networking sites and other Internet services including, but not limited to, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, and how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats.

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 Instruction/Online Services/Internet Access

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, pornographic, or harmful to minors, and that the operation of such measures is enforced.

The Board desires to protect students from access to inappropriate matter on the Internet. 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.

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Use of District Computers for Instruction/Online Services/Internet Access (continued)

The Huntington Beach Union High School District is committed to preparing students to succeed in an increasingly complex information society. The Board of Trustees, therefore, encourages the instructional use of technology including, but not limited to, computer-based tools/software, web-based applications, social media,, and distance learning.. The Board believes that these technologies:

- Give students new ways to access information and practice skills;
- Help teachers meet a wide range of learning styles;
- Enable teachers to move from whole class to small group and individualized instruction;
- Help students develop reasoning and problem-solving abilities;
- Prepare students to be lifelong learners and productive workers in a technological age.

Before using the district's technological resources, each student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return an Acceptable Use Agreement specifying 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 damages or costs incurred.

Staff shall supervise students while they are using online services in an educational environment and may ask teacher aides, 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

60044 Prohibited instructional materials

Penal Code

313 Harmful matter

502 Computer crimes, remedies

632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications

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