

I-10 COMPUTER-ASSISTED INSTRUCTION

The term “computer” as used in this policy is intended to have a broad interpretation. “Computer” as used herein means the computer itself along with all of the accessories and peripherals used in connection with the computer such as, but not limited to, the servers, backup drives, backup disks, network servers, communication servers, modems, internet access software, CD ROMS, CD drives printers, software, stored data, computer hardware, email and any and all data and programs used on the computers.

All use of computers must be in support of education, research, or business applications consistent with the purposes of the Board. Students and employees are to adhere to these acceptable use practices and any other acceptable use guidelines devised by the local school. The following guidelines are to be observed:

- Computer accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account for the authorized purpose.
- The illegal installation of use of copyrighted software for the use on computers owned or operated by the Board is prohibited. Individual schools or the school system must possess appropriate license(s) before copyrighted software may be installed or used.
- Any use of computers for commercial or for-profit purposes is prohibited.
- Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on computer or network.
- All communications and information stored on computers owned or operated by the Board shall be considered property of the Board.
- No use of the computer shall seek to disrupt the use of computers by others. The computers shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way without express permission of school administrators.

- Malicious use of the computer to develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer and/or damage the software components of the computer is prohibited.
- Anti-social behaviors (harassment, discriminatory remarks, etc.) are prohibited on computers. Computers will not be used to access Internet sites or to run programs, which are offensive, illegal or otherwise not suitable or proper for use in public schools.
- Use of computers to access files dangerous to the integrity of individual computers (i.e., viruses) is prohibited.
- The Board reserves the right to remove users' files without warning.
- Penalties for students who violate this policy will be commensurate with those outlined in the Statement of Responsibilities for School Personnel, Parents and Students. Board employees will be subject to disciplinary action for violation of this policy. The Board will not defend nor provide assistance to any employee who breaches any law governing computer or software usage.

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