

## **STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

The Monterey County Board of Education and the Monterey County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) intends that technological resources provided by the Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) be used in a safe, responsible, and proper manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning.

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

The County Superintendent or designee should notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of MCOE computers, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities in accordance with MCOE regulations and the MCOE 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)*

Before a student is authorized to use the MCOE technological resources, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement specifying user obligations and responsibilities. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree not to hold MCOE or any MCOE staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. They shall also agree to indemnify and hold harmless MCOE and MCOE personnel for any damages or costs incurred.

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

The County Superintendent or designee, with input from students and appropriate staff, should regularly review and update this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation, and other relevant procedures to enhance the safety and security of

students using the MCOE technological resources and to help ensure that MCOE adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

**Use of County Office Computers for Online Services/Internet Access**

The County Superintendent or designee needs to ensure that all MCOE 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)

To reinforce these measures, the County Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities. Staff shall supervise students while they are using online services and may have teacher aides, student aides, and volunteers assist in this supervision.

The County Superintendent or designee 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.

The County Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying.

*Legal Reference (see next page)*

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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*  
653.2      *Electronic communication devices, threats to safety*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

6501-6506      *Children's Online Privacy Protection Act*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6751-6777      *Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, Title II, Part D, especially:*  
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 Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47

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

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