

## **STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

The principal or designee shall oversee the maintenance of each school's technological resources and may establish guidelines and limits on their use. All instructional staff shall receive a copy of this administrative regulation, the accompanying Monterey County Board of Education (County Board) policy, and the Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) Acceptable Use Agreement describing expectations for appropriate use of the system and shall also be provided with information about the role of staff in supervising student use of technological resources. All students using these resources shall receive instruction in their proper and appropriate use.

*(cf. 0440 – MCOE Technology Plan)*  
*(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)*  
*(cf. 4131- Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

Teachers, and administrators, and/or library media specialists shall prescreen technological resources and online sites that will be used for instructional purposes to ensure that they are appropriate for the intended purpose and the age of the students.

*(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)*

### **Online/Internet Services: User Obligations and Responsibilities**

Students are authorized to use MCOE equipment to access the Internet or other online services in accordance with County Board policy, the user obligations and responsibilities specified below, and the MCOE Acceptable Use Agreement.

1. The student in whose name an online services account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall keep personal account numbers and passwords private and shall only use the account to which they have been assigned.
2. Students shall use the MCOE system safely, responsibly, and primarily for educational purposes.
3. Students shall not access, post, submit, publish, or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*  
*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*  
*(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)*

*Harmful matter* includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, appeals to the prurient interest and is matter which depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct and which lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors. [Penal Code 313]

4. Unless otherwise instructed by school personnel, students shall not disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using email, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communication. Students also shall be cautioned not to disclose such information by other means to individuals contacted through the Internet without the permission of their parents/guardians.

*Personal information* includes the student's name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personally identifiable information.

5. Students shall not use the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, nor shall they promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law, County Board policy, or administrative regulations.

*(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)*  
*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*

6. Students shall not use the system to engage in commercial or other for-profit activities.
7. Students shall not use the system to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule other students or staff.
8. Copyrighted material shall be posted online only in accordance with applicable copyright laws. Any materials utilized for research projects should be given proper credit as with any other printed source of information.

*(cf. 5131.9 - Academic Honesty)*  
*(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)*

9. Students shall not intentionally upload, download, or create computer viruses and/or maliciously attempt to harm or destroy MCOE equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking."

*(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)*

10. Students shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive email, nor shall they attempt to read, delete, copy, modify, or use another individual's identity.
11. Students shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the teacher or principal.

MCOE reserves the right to monitor use of the MCOE systems for improper use without advance notice or consent. Students shall be informed that computer files and electronic communications, including email, are not private and may be accessed by the MCOE for the purpose of ensuring proper use.

*(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)*

Whenever a student is found to have violated County Board policy, administrative regulation, or the MCOE Acceptable Use Agreement, the principal or designee may cancel or limit a student's user privileges or increase supervision of the student's use of the MCOE technological resources, as appropriate. Inappropriate use also may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and County Board policy.

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*