

Lewis Center for Educational Research

BP 6163.4: INSTRUCTION STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY

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Revised:

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

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

Before a student is authorized to use the LCER's 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 the LCER or any LCER 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 the LCER and LCER personnel for any damages or costs incurred.

The CEO/President or designee, with input from students and appropriate staff, shall regularly review and update this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation, and other relevant procedures to enhance the safety and security of students using the LCER's technological resources and to help ensure that the LCER adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

Use of LCER Computers for Online Services/Internet Access

The CEO/President or designee shall ensure that all LCER 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 CEO/President 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 CEO/President 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 CEO/President 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. Cyberbullying includes the transmission of communications, posting of harassing messages, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds or images on the Internet, social networking sites, or other digital technologies using a telephone, computer, or any wireless communication device. Cyberbullying also includes breaking into another person's electronic account and assuming that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation.

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