

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

POLICY

No. E-3

Adopted: May 28, 2008
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TECHNOLOGY ACCESS AND USE

Preamble:

The Board of Education encourages the use of technology to support education by providing users with access to the unique resources within the School District as well as those available on the Internet. The term “technology” refers to the use of School District computers, peripherals, services, and Internet access. Policy and Regulations pertain to the use of the technology services and resources by all students, staff, volunteers, or guests.

Policy:

The Board encourages the use of technology to enhance communications and learning in schools and to conduct District business. The information technology resources provided by the district are intended for teaching, learning and administrative purposes. The Board supports access by students to District information technology resources as well as the use of personal electronic devices for education enrichment and the development by staff and students of appropriate skills to analyze and evaluate such resources.

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REGULATIONS

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TECHNOLOGY ACCESS AND USE

1. Use of district technology resources shall be for the purpose of facilitating the exchange of information for education and research purposes.
2. Technology users shall not transmit, download, or access information where the message or its distribution would violate any applicable law or regulation. The information shall not pertain to the preparation, assembly, use, and/or distribution of explosives/weapons of all types, or be obscene, pornographic, abusive, discriminatory, violent, defamatory, racial, intimidating, or related to gambling, or otherwise likely to be of an offensive nature.
3. Transmitting, downloading or accessing any of the above will result in discipline as reflected in district and/or school policies. Specifically, where violent, intimidating or explosives/weapons-related material is transmitted, downloaded or accessed, the Weapons, Violence, and Intimidation Policy will apply.
4. Technology users shall promote efficient use of the public networks to minimize, and avoid if possible, congestion of the networks and interference with the work of other network users. Further, technology users shall respect the rights and property of others and shall not improperly access, misappropriate or misuse the information or files of other users.
5. District technology shall not be used for commercial or entrepreneurial purposes. Advertising of commercial or entrepreneurial offerings is forbidden.
6. Security on any inter or intranet is a high priority. No one may use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with internet or email systems may be denied access to technology resources.

7. Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and may result in further legal action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet or other networks connected to the district. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses or malware.
8. Downloading of copyrighted/unlicensed music, or any peer to peer sharing, is strictly prohibited. In addition, all users must be familiar with copyright laws and ensure any information utilized is done in a manner consistent with copyright legislation.
9. Interpretation, application, and modification of this Acceptable Use Policy shall be within the sole discretion of School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen).
10. Users/parent/guardian must complete and sign the School District No. 53 Computer & Network Access Release Form.