



Responsible Technology Use

I. Scope

The District provides access to District approved technology devices, networks, accounts, software, and internet-based resources (“Technology Resources”) in order to enhance the education of students. Technology Resources improve student communication and extend learning beyond the classroom walls while building digital citizenship skills. Students and staff accessing technology are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible, courteous, efficient, and legal manner as further outlined in this Policy.

The District must honor its commitments for student safety, and compliance with the law at the local, state, and federal levels which require investigation and monitoring of PPS physical and digital assets. Because these laws set forth the District’s responsibilities for providing for student safety, maintaining the integrity of its digital systems, and protecting District records, students and staff should have no expectation of privacy while using PPS systems.

II. Purpose

A. Enhancement of Learning and Productivity

District Technology Resources will be deployed and used for teaching and learning in District classrooms, comprehensive distance learning, professional and career development, and research and district-related administrative activities.

B. Equity and Inclusive Learning

Equity considerations will drive District decisions about the development, distribution, and use of Technology Resources in order to ensure equitable access for every user.

C. Student Safety

Technology Resources will be deployed and used in a way that fosters a culture of safety and respect for everyone. Social, emotional, and physical well-being are crucial to academic and professional success.

III. Responsible Deployment and Use of Technology Resources

A. Technology Resources will be deployed and used in compliance with applicable laws and other District policies.

B. Technology Resources will be deployed and used in a manner that supports the



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District purposes of learning and productivity, equity and inclusive learning, and a safe and respectful environment.

- C. The District will develop an Administrative Directive and acceptable use guidelines for users regarding the deployment and use of District Technology Resources, including access to Internet and social media, and regulation of use of District and personal electronic resources on District assets.

IV. Fostering Safety and Security of Users

A. No Expectation of Privacy

The safety and security of District Technology Resources is the shared responsibility of the District. The District may monitor, intercept, and review, without further notice, activities occurring on the District's Technology Resources. Users should have no expectation of privacy while using District Technology Resources.

The District shall establish protocols for review of activity.

B. Cyberbullying and Anti-harassment

District policies prohibiting harassment and bullying apply to the use of District Technology Resources. Technology Resources will not be used in a manner that may be construed by others as bullying, harassing or offensive. [Non-Discrimination/Anti-Harassment Policy](#).

C. Filtering Software

As a component of District Internet safety measures, all District-owned technology resources, including computer networks in all District facilities capable of accessing the Internet will use filtering software to restrict access to obscene, racist, hateful or violent material. However, the District cannot ensure that a student will never be able to access objectionable material.

D. Community-based Approach

While District staff will make reasonable efforts to supervise student access and use of Technology Resources, fostering the safety and security of students and staff requires a community-based approach. [Digital citizenship guidelines](#)

V. Violations

- A. If a user violates District Policies, Administrative Directives, or guidelines for Technology Resources or Responsible Use, District staff will notify the Office of



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Technology and Information Services.

- B. Violations may include discipline or other sanctions consistent with District Policies, Administrative Directives, guidelines, or Student's Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, up to and including expulsion or termination of employment.

VI. Administrative Directive

Legal references: Children's Internet Protection Act, (CIPA); Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA); Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA); ORS 336.184 Oregon Student Information Protection Act; ORS 646A.600 Oregon Consumer Information Protection Act.

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