

Computer Technology

The Board recognizes its responsibility to ensure that district staff and students have access to up-to-date technological materials and equipment. As used in this policy, "technology" refers principally to electronic materials and equipment, including computers, telecommunications, video and robotics.

Both computer technology and video technology can enhance the educational process. They are applicable across grade levels and can be used in every curriculum area; however, the study of technological advances and the various applications are only a part of the educational program. Technology is not an end in itself, but a means to an end. The focus must be on what is best for the student and how best to meet the student's educational needs.

The district will provide opportunities for students to go beyond the state of awareness of these technologies to a state of direct application. To accomplish this, the Board is committed to provide in-service training for teachers and the necessary personnel and equipment within its available resources.

The following reflect the district's goals for students regarding instructional technology:

1. To foster an atmosphere of enthusiasm and curiosity regarding new technology and its applications;
2. To heighten each student's familiarity and/or working knowledge of current technological materials/equipment;
3. To provide all students equal access to district technological materials/equipment and to instruction in their implementation;
4. To ensure that the various technologies are utilized in a variety of applications and are not restricted to one subject area or one location in the schools;
5. To promote district educational goals through the use of such technology(ies).

To ensure that maximum benefits are realized in the use of the technology equipment and the network:

1. All hardware and software must meet district standards;
2. Computer hardware and software will not be removed from school premises without authorization;
3. Computer users will recognize and adhere to existing copyright laws;
4. Users will follow all the Electronic Communication policy and corresponding acceptable use regulation (see IIBGA & IIBGA-AR)

The district recognizes that technology will be changing; therefore, the district technology leadership team will, on a ongoing basis, review the district's technology in the following areas: fiscal and human resources, staff development needs, applications, and equipment.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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