

## **Instructional Technology**

The Board recognizes that the nation is moving from an industrial society to an informational society. An integral part of that society is what is now new technology. The Board believes that computers, video and other technological advances need to become part of the educational program for students in district schools and for adults in district community education programs.

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.

To ensure that maximum benefits are realized from the investment required for the equipment, the following guidelines will apply:

1. Computer users will recognize and adhere to existing copyright laws;
2. Computer hardware and software will not be removed from school premises without the permission of the building administrator;
3. All hardware purchased must be durable, use a wide range of software, be compatible with other school hardware and have readily obtainable maintenance;
4. All software must be previewed by a staff member and approved by the principal and superintendent before purchase;
5. All purchases of software will be coordinated through the media center to avoid unnecessary duplication.

The development and updating of the technology plan will be carried out by the Board with the involvement of the administration, staff, community-parent advisory committees and students.

END OF POLICY

**Legal Reference(s):**

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