

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

The Board finds that it is important for staff and students to have access to electronic-based research tools and skills through its electronic/digital information network for educational and work related purposes. Such access is a privilege and requires that individual users act responsibly. The electronic/digital information network consists of (but is not limited to) District computers, computer networks, application software, electronic mail and voice mail systems, internet services, wireless networks, audio and video classroom and conferencing, and related electronic devices such as cellular telephones, modems, facsimile machines, and copiers.

It is the policy of the District to restrict access to and use of the electronic/digital information network to students and employees for educational and work related purposes. Use of the District's electronic/digital information network for other purposes amounting to more than incidental personal use or for unlawful purposes is not authorized and can constitute grounds for revocation of user privileges, removal of offending material, and potential disciplinary action.

There is no right to privacy in the use of the District's resources. The District may monitor and access information contained on its resources for investigative and/or administrative purposes, and may take administrative action in response to any violation of this policy, applicable administrative regulation, or other law.

The Chancellor shall establish regulations to implement this policy and provide guidelines to students and staff for the appropriate use of information technologies. The regulations shall include that users must respect software copyrights and licenses, respect the integrity of the electronic/digital information network, refrain from seeking to gain unauthorized access, and respect the rights of other computer users.

References:

Education Code Section 70902

Government Code Section 3543.1(b)

Penal Code Section 502

17 U.S. Code Sections 101 et seq.