

Policy 6163.4: Student Use Of Technology

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The Governing Board intends that technological resources provided by the Tri-Valley ROP be used in a safe and responsible manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning. All students using these resources shall receive instruction in their proper and appropriate use.

TVROP staff are expected to review the technological resources and online sites that will be used in the classroom or presented to students in order to ensure that they are appropriate for the intended purpose and the age of the students.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of ROP technology, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities in accordance with this Board policy and the TVROP's Acceptable Use Agreement.

TVROP technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, the TVROP's computer network including servers and wireless computer networking technology (wi-fi), the Internet, email, USB drives, wireless access points (routers), tablet computers, smartphones and smart devices, telephones, cellular telephones, personal digital assistants, pagers, MP3 players, wearable technology, any wireless communication device including emergency radios, and/or future technological innovations, whether accessed on or off site or through ROP-owned or personally owned equipment or devices.

Before a student is authorized to use TVROP technology, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement. In that agreement, the parent/guardian shall agree not to hold the TVROP or any TVROP staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures or user mistakes or negligence and shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the TVROP and ROP staff for any damages or costs incurred.

The TVROP reserves the right to monitor student use of technology within the jurisdiction of the TVROP without advance notice or consent. Students shall be informed that their use of TVROP technology, including, but not limited to, computer files, email, text messages, instant messaging, and other electronic communications, is not private and may be accessed by the TVROP for the purpose of ensuring proper use. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in use of the TVROP technology. Students' personally owned devices shall not be searched except in cases where there is a reasonable suspicion, based on specific and objective facts, that the search will uncover evidence of a violation of law, TVROP policy, or school rules.

The Superintendent or designee may gather and maintain information pertaining directly to school safety or student safety from the social media activity of any TVROP student in accordance with Education Code 49073.6 and BP/AR 5125 - Student Records.

Whenever a student is found to have violated Board policy or the TVROP's Acceptable Use Agreement, the principal or designee may cancel or limit a student's user privileges or increase supervision of the student's use of the TVROP's equipment and other technological resources, as appropriate. Inappropriate use also may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy.

The Superintendent or designee, with input from students and appropriate staff, shall regularly review and update procedures to enhance the safety and security of students using TVROP technology and to help ensure that the TVROP adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

Internet Safety

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all TVROP computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors and that the operation of such measures is enforced. (20 USC 7131; 47 USC 254; 47 CFR 54.520)

To reinforce these measures, the Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities.

Harmful matter includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, appeals to the prurient interest and is matter which depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way,

sexual conduct and which lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors. (Penal Code 313)

The TVROP's Acceptable Use Agreement shall establish expectations for appropriate student conduct when using the Internet or other forms of electronic communication, including, but not limited to, prohibitions against:

1. Accessing, posting, submitting, publishing, or displaying harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs
 2. Intentionally uploading, downloading, or creating computer viruses and/or maliciously attempting to harm or destroy TVROP equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking"
 3. Distributing personal identification information, including the name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personally identifiable information, of another student, staff member, or other person with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person
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