

Personnel- Certified/Non Certified

Instruction

Use of New Web 2.0 Tools

Online communication is critical to our students' learning 21st Century skills and to the communication efforts of staff. Tools, such as blogging and podcasting, offer authentic, real-world vehicles for student and staff expression. Our responsibility to students is to ensure their safety only. Hence, expectations for classroom blogs, student/staff protected e-mails, podcasts, or other web interactive use must follow all established district Internet safety guidelines.

Use of blogs, podcasts, and Web 2.0 sites must have prior approval by an administrator. All Internet and other computer network users will be expected to abide by the following district rules.

- The use of blogs, podcasts, or other Web 2.0 tools is considered an extension of the classroom. Therefore, any speech that is considered inappropriate in the classroom is also inappropriate in all uses of blogs, podcasts, or other Web 2.0 tools. This includes, but is not limited to, profanity and racist, sexist, or discriminatory remarks.
- Teachers must monitor all communication including images on blogs, podcasts, or other Web 2.0 tools that are used by students in the classroom.
- Students and staff using blogs, podcasts, or other web tools are expected to act safely, keeping all personal information such as, but not limited to, last names, personal details including addresses or phone numbers, or photographs out of their posts.
- Students should never arrange to meet someone they have "met" over the Internet.
- Links to websites for blogs or blog comment must be appropriate for a school setting. Teachers must review all links prior to posting, to ensure all established Acceptable Use Policy guidelines are followed.
- Students using such tools agree not to share their user name or password with anyone besides their teachers and parents / guardians.
- The use of school district property for personal blogs is prohibited.
- Employees and students who create Web 2.0 products shall not violate the privacy rights of employees and students and may not use district personal and private information, data, images, and copyrighted material in their Web 2.0 products.
- Employees and students must abide by the terms and conditions indicated above, in addition to the terms and conditions set forth in the Acceptable Use Policy.

(cf. [6141.321](#) - Technology and Instruction/Acceptable Use of the Internet)

(cf. [6141.322](#) - Computers/Web Sites/Pages)

(cf. [6141.323](#) - Internet Acceptable Use: Filtering Access to Electronic Networks)

(cf. [6141.325](#) - Use of Web 2.0 Tools)

(cf. [4118.4/4218.4](#) - Electronic Mail)

(cf. [4118.5/4218.5](#) - Acceptable Computer Network Use)

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