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OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Schools, Thriving Students

Memo

To Board of Education

From Maria Santos, Deputy Superintendent
Gee Kin Chou, Executive Officer Technology Services

Board Meeting Date June 27, 2012

Subject Modification to Board Policy 6163.4 Student Use of Technology

Action Requested Approval of modifications in Board Policy 6163.4 Student Use of Technology

Background
A one paragraph explanation of the Board Policy is needed.
The District's existing Board Policy relating to student's use of technology sets forth the Board's expectations for student's use of technology to ensure that such use is consistent with the Board's policies and the applicable laws relating to student safety, anti-discrimination, prohibition against cyberbullying, and protection of personal information of students while recognizing the important role of technology in advancement of student learning.

Discussion
One paragraph summary of the Board Policy.
The modifications to the Board Policy incorporate changes that are required by recent state and federal legislation, including the Children's Internet Protection Act, and state legislation relating to bullying. The modifications to the policy are required to be implemented by the District for participation in the E-Rate program. The modifications provide for age-appropriate education of minors about appropriate online behavior, including education about appropriate interaction with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response. The modifications also provide an updated definition of bullying in accordance with changes in state law and expressly specify that bullying can include electronic acts. The modifications to the policy also incorporate updates in anti-discrimination laws which will be included in the training to students.

Recommendation Approval of the modifications to Board Policy 6163.4 Student Use of Technology

Fiscal Impact N/A

Attachments Board Policy 6163.4 with proposed changes to existing Board Policy 6163.4 in redline format; the Proposed Board Policy 6163.4 in final format (without redlines)

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(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 6010 - Goals and Objectives)
(cf. 6162.7 - Use of Technology in Instruction)
(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

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(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
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(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process: Students with Disabilities)
(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Definitions

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3. Obscene shall have the meaning given such term in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code.
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5. Harmful to minors shall mean any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:
 - a. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
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 - c. Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors
6. Hacking shall mean attempting to gain unauthorized access to computer and network systems connected to the Internet.
7. Technology protection measure shall refer to the systems in place, managed by the district that blocks and or filters Internet access.

On-Line Services/Internet Access

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48980 Required notification at beginning of term

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PENAL CODE

313 Harmful matter

502 Computer crimes, remedies

632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47

254 Universal service discounts (E-rate)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 16

312.1-312.12 Children's online privacy protection

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54.520 Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, E-rate discounts

PUBLIC LAW 107-110

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2441 Internet Safety

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

K-12 Network Technology Planning Guide: Building the Future, 1994

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WEB SITES

Federal Communications Commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

Commission on Online Child Protection: <http://www.copacommission.org>

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