



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.1

Meeting Date: November 3, 2011

Subject: Revised Board Policy 6163.4 Student Use of Technology

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated : _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Accountability Office

Recommendation: Approve revised Board Policy 6163.4 Student Use of Technology

Background/Rationale:

The FCC has released its long-awaited children's Internet Policy Act CIPA rule revisions incorporating E-rate provisions of the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act enacted in 2008.

The most important aspect of the new Order (FCC 11-125) is that District Internet Safety Policies, required of all applicants applying for discounts on anything more than telecommunications services must include the following language:

"monitoring the online activities of minors and must provide for educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response."

To remain compliant with FCC regulations and in accordance with the Protecting Children in the 21st Act, we ask that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education approve the mandated additional language to the district's Student Use of Technology Policy. The District plans to submit an E-rate application in November, 2011.

Financial Considerations: None

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary
2. Board Policy 6163.4 Student Use of Technology

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes Submitted by: Mary C. Shelton, Chief Accountability Officer Approved by: Jonathan P. Raymond, Superintendent</p>
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Board of Education Executive Summary

Accountability Office

November 3, 2011



Revision of Board Policy 6163.4 Student Use of Technology

I. Overview/History

In 2011, the Federal Communications Commission released its rule revisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) incorporating E-rate provisions of the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act of 2008. E-Rate is the commonly used name for the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, which is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The program provides discounts to assist most schools and libraries in the United States (and U.S. territories) to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access. It is one of four support programs funded through a Universal Service fee charged to companies that provide interstate and/or international telecommunications services.

II. Driving Governance:

The FCC has issued a new Order (FCC 11-125) requiring that all districts applying for E-rate funds must have Board Policy in place that includes the following language:

Districts are "monitoring the online activities of minors and must provide for educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response."

III. Budget:

None; training in cyber bullying for school staff is included in the Anti-Bullying Strategic Plan.

VI. Results:

Current Board Policy required minor revision. The revisions were referred to the District Advisory Council, the District English Learners Advisory Council, the Parent Teachers Association and the Student Advisory Council, and any suggestions from those groups were incorporated.

VII. Next Steps:

- Revise accompanying Administrative Regulation 6163.4
- Revise the Annual Parent and Student Rights Notification and Standards of Behavior document
- Submit the District's E-rate application in late November

Sacramento City USD Proposed Revisions

Board Policy

Student Use Of Technology

BP 6163.4

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that technology provides ways to access the most current and extensive sources of information. Technology also enables students to practice skills and to develop reasoning and problem-solving abilities. Every effort shall be made to provide equal access to technology throughout the district's schools and classes.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(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)

On-Line Services/Internet Access

The Board intends that the Internet and other on-line resources provided by the district be used to support the instructional program and further student learning.

The Internet contains an unregulated collection of resources. The district maintains a filter for objectionable content, but the district cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information or the appropriateness of any material that a student may encounter. Internet content changes dynamically and is not under district control. Parents/guardians who do not wish their children to access Internet must submit a request in writing to the principal of any school their child attends. Acceptable Use regulations shall specify user obligations and responsibilities and shall indemnify the district for any damages.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations governing student access to technology that are age appropriate. These regulations shall prohibit access to harmful matter on the Internet that may be obscene or pornographic and preclude other misuses of the system. In addition, these regulations shall establish the fact that users have no expectation of privacy and that district staff ~~may~~ shall monitor or examine all system activities to ensure proper use of the system. Students who fail to abide by district rules shall be subject to disciplinary action, revocation of the user account and/or legal action as appropriate.

(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)
(f. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48980 Required notification at beginning of term
51006 Computer education and resources
51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills
51870-51874 Education Technology
51870.5 Student Internet access
60044 Prohibited instructional materials

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

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47

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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6751-6777 Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, No Child Left Behind Act, Title II, Part D

6777 Internet Safety

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

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

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1223.94 Acceptable Use of Electronic Information Resources

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>

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org>

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Policy SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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