INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to ensure that district staff and students have access to up-to-date technological materials and equipment. As used in this policy, "technology" refers principally to electronic materials and equipment, such as computers, telecommunications, lasers and robotics, as available.

The following reflect the district's goals for students regarding instructional technology:

1. to foster an atmosphere of enthusiasm and curiosity regarding new technology and its applications;
2. students will use technology as a presentation tool;
3. students will use technology to gather information;
4. students will develop creative experiences and develop aesthetic appreciation through the use of technology;
5. students will explore creative experiences and develop aesthetic appreciation through the use of technology;
6. students will demonstrate skills in utilizing hardware;
7. students will develop an awareness of the ethical issues as they apply to electronic information. Students will understand and respect "intellectual property rights" (e.g., copyright laws) – see policy and regulation 4526.
8. students will demonstrate the ability
9. to heighten each student's familiarity and/or working knowledge of current technological materials/equipment;
10. to provide equal access to district technological materials/equipment and to instruction in their implementation;
11 to ensure that the various technologies are utilized in a variety of applications, and are not restricted to one subject area or one location in the schools; and
12. to promote district educational goals through the use of such technology(ies).

In order to achieve the above-stated goals, the Board of Education shall seek the advice of representatives from groups utilizing technology in pursuit of district goals (i.e., Board of Education members, administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, and students). In addition, the Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to equip district schools with appropriate and up-to-date hardware/software, to schedule "hands-on" in-service activities for district staff, and to implement suggestions from the above representatives and the instructional materials planning committee, within budgetary constraints.

Cross-ref: 4526, Computer Acceptable Use

Adoption date: July 3, 2008