

Student Acceptable Use of Internet and Technology

Resources Policy: 6052

Section: 6000 – Students

I. Policy Statement

Purpose and Mandate: Electronic information resources (including hardware, software, and internet) are provided to students of South Summit School District for educational purposes only. In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-7-1002 and § 53G-7-1003, the Board of Education maintains this policy to restrict access to internet or online sites that contain obscene, harmful, or explicit material, and to establish standards for internet filtering, activity monitoring, and public transparency.

- A. Digital Citizenship and Training: Internet safety training shall be provided to all students regarding appropriate online behavior, digital citizenship, cyberbullying awareness and response, and safe conduct on social networking sites and chat rooms.
- B. Student Responsibility: All internet and technology use through the district must align with the district's educational purpose. Students must conduct themselves in a responsible, decent, ethical, and polite manner and abide by all local, state, and federal laws. High standards of conduct and adherence to these guidelines are required to maintain access to district technology resources

II. Internet Content Filtering and Parent Options

- A. Standard Network Filtering: Internet access in the South Summit School District is filtered and monitored through the Utah Education Network and district-managed content filtering platforms that actively block and restrict access to obscene, harmful, and explicit online content pursuant to Utah Code § 53G-7-1002.
- B. Opt-In Preapproved Content Filtering (Whitelist): Pursuant to Utah Code § 53G-7-1003(3)(c), upon the written request of a student's parent or legal guardian, the district shall apply a preapproved content filtering system (also known as a whitelist or allowlist) to the student's school-approved electronic device. This restricted filtering system permits student access *only* to websites or online resources preapproved by the local school board or school

administration.

- C. Parent-Accessible Monitoring System: Pursuant to Utah Code § 53G-7-1003(3)(d), the district provides a parent-accessible technology platform that enables parents/guardians to review their student's online activity and device utilization on school-managed devices. Information regarding access to this monitoring system is available through the district website and school administration.

III. Conditions of Use

- A. The school district has the right to monitor all use of the computers and other communication devices, including access to all messages, files and data.
- B. There is no expectation of privacy regarding the school's computer or any data stored thereon, including removable storage media. There is no expectation of an ownership interest in any materials on any of the school's computer hard drives or other storable medium.
- C. Any violation of the acceptable use policy may result in disciplinary action and the restriction of access to the computer.
- D. Any use for illegal or inappropriate purposes or to access materials that are objectionable in a public school environment, or in support of such activities, is prohibited. Language that is deemed to be slanderous, libelous, vulgar, or pornographic is also prohibited. Illegal activities shall be defined as a violation of local, state, and/or federal laws. Inappropriate use shall be defined as a violation of the intended use of the network, and/or purpose and goal.
- E. Only the authorized owner of the account or access code of a district internet account shall use the access code. The account and/or code holders are responsible for all activity under their account and access code.
- F. The user acknowledges that a student's access will be terminated automatically upon graduation or moving out of the school district. Upon termination of an internet account or access for any reason, the South Summit School District may remove or delete any or all information from the account. The South

Summit School District shall not be obligated to give any prior notification that an account will be terminated or that a terminated account's information will be removed or deleted.

- G. Confidential information should not be stored or transmitted on a school account.
- H. Be aware of and follow posted rules for internet and computer use (See Procedure 6052-A Student Acceptable use of Internet and Technology Resources, procedures).
- I. Device damage fines and information can be found under the Technology Tab of the School Forms Registration page in PowerSchool.

IV. Public Complaint and Staff Enforcement

- A. Administrative Guidelines for Staff Enforcement: In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-7-1003(3)(e), the Superintendent and school administrators have adopted administrative guidelines and procedures (including Procedure 6052-A) for district staff to follow in enforcing this policy. Staff members are directed to actively monitor student technology use and apply corrective or disciplinary measures when violations occur.
- B. Public Complaint Procedures: Any parent, student, staff member, or community member may submit a complaint regarding: 1. The provisions of this policy. 2. The enforcement of this policy. 3. Observed student or staff behavior. Complaints shall be submitted in writing to the school principal or district technology director. The administration will review and address the complaint in accordance with district grievance protocols.
- C. Copies of the guidelines and complaint procedures are available for public review at each school.

V. Public Notice and Policy Maintenance

- A. Conspicuous Posting: Pursuant to Utah Code § 53G-7-1003(2)(a)(vi), notice of this policy's availability shall be posted in a conspicuous place within each school building in the district.
- B. This policy shall be reviewed by the Board of Education at least once every three years in an open meeting.

Legal References:

Utah Code 53G-7-1002

Senate Bill 88§2(a)(ii)

Senate Bill 88§3(b)

Senate Bill 88§3(c)

Senate Bill 88§3(d))

Senate Bill 88§3(e)-(g)

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