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## **Use of Computers in Instruction**

The Board recognizes that technological advances in all areas are necessary and that microcomputers are and will continue to be a part of this advance. As such, the Board's goal is to implement computer resources in each school facility. Because of the many types of application and the potential cost, the Board establishes the following policy to plan for and guide this growth both for instructional and administrative uses.

Microcomputers for instruction will be used primarily for the following:

- 1. Computer-assisted instruction to improve student performance.
- 2. Managing an instructional program in areas such as a classroom, library and resource room, involving maintenance of test scores, grades, and other data used in evaluating instruction and student progress.
- 3. Teaching computer skills and/or concepts.
- 4. Simulations for general interest, enrichment, and motivation.
- 5. Teaching life skills.

Any student or staff member using microcomputers will be instructed in the proper use and care of the hardware and software prior to its use.

Databases will be restricted to those normally generated within instructional areas.

The building Principal, or designee, will coordinate the use of microcomputers in the classrooms within his/her building.

Legal Reference:	Connecticut General Statutes
	1-210(b)(11), (17) Access to public records. Exempt records.
	10-15b Access of parent or guardians to student's records.
	46b-56(e) Access to Records of Minors.
	Office of the Public Records Administrator, Retention Schedule M8-
	Education Records Revised 2/2005, available at <a href="http://www.cslib.org/rettschedules.htm">http://www.cslib.org/rettschedules.htm</a> .

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Legal Reference:	Connecticut General Statutes (continued)
	Federal Law
	Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g.).
	USA Patriot Act of 2001, Pub.L. 107-56
	No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub.L.No. 107-110
	34 CFR 99.1-99.67 (as amended)
	34 CFR 300.560-300.576
	Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000 (HR 4577, P.L.106-554)
	Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. 254 [h],[I])
	Public Law 94-553, The Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. 101 et. seq.