USE OF INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

The primary focus of technology shall be support for student achievement. The Board supports the use of technology in the delivery of the educational program and encourages staff to examine efficient and effective ways to integrate technology as part of the district (Board-adopted) curriculum. Technology should be integrated with collaborative and innovative instructional practices to enhance student learning.

The district shall assess technological needs every year. The technology department, in conjunction with other district staff and the district leadership team, will integrate the future technological needs of the district into the district's strategic plan. Specific technology goals to support student achievement goals will be integrated into the district Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP).

The district will develop strategies to maximize the use of current technology, address technological advances, the use of the Internet, and the role of the building media centers in supporting and enhancing the district curriculum. The district will work to strengthen the knowledge and skills of staff through on-going professional development, support the efficient execution of administrative duties, and enhance district communication and parent involvement.

Technology use will be frequently evaluated in meeting goals set by the strategic plan. The results of the evaluation will be reported to the Board and recommendations will be made to the Board regarding use of technology in the district.

An annual budget will be established, which includes the maintenance and support of the infrastructure necessary to effectively utilize technology in the district. Technology resources will be allocated to ensure equitable access to technology for all students and staff. Technology standards regarding computer hardware, computer software, staff proficiency in the use of technology, will be established and maintained throughout the district.

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604.2 Internet and Computer Network-Appropriate Use And Safety

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