

POLICY

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Instruction

SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

The Vestal Central School District is committed to optimizing learning and teaching. The Board of Education considers technology to be a valuable educational and research tool, and encourages the use of computers and computer-related technology for advancing and promoting learning and teaching.

Technology includes, but is not limited to, microcomputers, network servers, telecommunications, peripherals, software applications, and information resources. Access to technology can significantly enhance educational experiences and provide statewide, national, and global communications opportunities for students and staff. The use of these information resources must be consistent with curricula and educational standards of the Vestal Central School District.

Transmission or other use of any materials in violation of any federal or state law or regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or materials protected as a trade secret. The District's technology systems shall not be utilized in support of any political campaign and/or political lobbying.

Users have no expectation of privacy with regard to usage of any of the District's technology systems including, but not limited to, Internet usage at school. The Vestal Central School District reserves the right to monitor all its technology systems to determine whether or not the provisions of this Policy and its accompanying Regulations are complied with. All provisions of the Student Discipline Code fully apply to student use of District technology systems, specifically including, but not limited to, Internet use.

Use of the District's technology systems by any person shall constitute awareness and consent to the terms of the District's technology use policy and the accompanying regulations.

The Superintendent of Schools, or his/her designee, shall be responsible for designating appropriate administrative staff to establish regulations and guidelines governing the purchase, distribution, and use of District technology resources. The failure to comply with this policy and the accompanying regulations may result in disciplinary action in accordance with all applicable law, policy, and regulations.

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