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Technology and Instruction

The Board recognizes that our nation is moving from an industrial society to an informational society. In addition to instructional materials and audio-visual materials, an increasing field of technological aids and equipment are becoming integral parts of the community, business and educational aspects of our world. It is the Board's belief that computers, video and other technological advances need to become part of the educational program for students in our schools and for adults in the community.

Both computer technology and video technology can enhance the educational process. Technology is not an end in itself, but a means to an end. The focus must be on what is best for the student and how best to meet the student's educational needs. The Board sees the development and approval of a technology plan to be critical in ensuring that the district utilizes technological aids and appropriate training in the best way to support our educational program. The plan should emphasize integrated academic applications of the specific technology(ies) and strive to provide all staff and students with equal access to materials/equipment. The plan should evaluate not only equipment but applicable usage and educational curricular importance.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for the technology plan and any future updates/reviews. The Superintendent's responsibilities shall include:

1. the implementation of the district's technology plan
2. the determination of future technology needs
3. overseeing the development of appropriate technological training procedures and programs for both staff and students
4. monitoring and evaluating the actual usage of all instructional technology
5. an annual report to the Board of an evaluation of the district's current technology plan and its implementation

The Superintendent may appoint and maintain a computer/technology planning committee to assist/advise in the development of the technology plan and any future updates/reviews. The committee's efforts shall be in conjunction with other district committees that are deemed necessary by the Superintendent to ensure that the district's technological direction continues to support and enhance the district's educational goals and objectives. The efforts of the technology committee shall be documented and reported annually to the Board as part of the Superintendent's technology plan report.

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The Board shall not be responsible for any information lost, damaged or unavailable as result of any computer or other technological system failure or difficulties and shall take responsible steps to communicate this position. To ensure equal access to and appropriate use of all computer and telecommunication network systems, the Board reserves the right for the administration to monitor system space and use.