

EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Yolo County Office of Education recognizes that technological resources can enhance employee performance by offering effective tools to assist in providing a quality instructional program, facilitating communications with parents/guardians, students, and the community, supporting all County Office operations, and improving access to and exchange of information. The County Office expects all employees to learn to use the available technological resources that will assist them in the performance of their job responsibilities. As needed, employees shall receive professional development in the appropriate use of these resources.

Employees shall be responsible for the appropriate use of technology and shall use the County Office's technological resources primarily for purposes related to their employment.

Employees shall be notified that computer files and electronic communications, including email and voice mail, are not private. Technological resources shall not be used to transmit confidential information about students, employees, or County Office operations without authority.

Online/Internet Services

The Yolo County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall ensure that all County Office computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that prevents access to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography and that the operation of such measures is enforced. The County Superintendent or designee may disable the technology protection measure during use by an adult to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purpose. (20 USC 6777; 47 USC 254)

To ensure proper use, the County Superintendent or designee may monitor employee usage of technological resources, including the accessing of email and stored files. Monitoring may occur at any time without advance notice or consent.

The County Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations and an Acceptable Use Agreement which outline employee obligations and responsibilities related to the use of County Office technology. He/she also may establish guidelines and limits on the use of technological resources. Inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of the employee's user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or legal action in accordance with law, County Office policy, and administrative regulation.

The County Superintendent or designee shall provide copies of related policies, regulations, and guidelines to all employees who use the County Office's technological resources. Employees shall be required to acknowledge in writing that they have read and understood the County Office's Acceptable Use Agreement.

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Use of Cellular Phone or Mobile Communications Device

An employee shall not use a cellular phone or other mobile communications device for personal business while on duty, except in emergency situations and/or during scheduled work breaks.

Any employee that uses a cell phone or mobile communications device in violation of law, County Office policy, or administrative regulation shall be subject to discipline and may be referred to law enforcement officials as appropriate.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51870-51874 Education technology

52270-52272 Education technology and professional development grants

52295.10-52295.55 Implementation of Enhancing Education Through Technology grant program

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.1 Rights of employee organizations

PENAL CODE

502 Computer crimes, remedies

632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications

VEHICLE CODE

23123 Wireless telephones in vehicles

23123.5 Mobile communication devices; text messaging while driving

23125 Wireless telephones in school buses

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6751-6777 Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, Title II, Part D, especially:

6777 Internet safety

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47

254 Universal service discounts (E-rate)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47

54.520 Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, E-rate discounts

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Federal Communications Commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>