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ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Jurupa Unified School District recognizes that access to technology in school gives students greater opportunities to think critically, problem solve, research, create, communicate, and collaborate. Given the integration of these technologies with California State Standards instruction and state mandated annual testing, acceptance of these policies is no longer optional for students. Parents who are concerned about the use of these technologies or the application of these policies should contact the district or school administration to discuss whether reasonable adjustments may be required for a student's particular needs. This acceptable use policy outlines the guidelines and behaviors that users must follow when using school technologies or personally-owned devices on the school campus. School technologies may include internet access, desktop, virtual desktop or laptop computers, Chromebooks, iPads, video conferencing, online collaboration, email and message boards. The policies outlined in this document are intended to cover all available technologies, not just those specifically listed. All activity over the network or using district technologies may be monitored and retained. No use of the district network or equipment is private. Users are expected to communicate with the same appropriate, safe, mindful courteous conduct online as offline. Users should be careful not to share personally-identifying information online or attempt to open files or follow links from an unknown or untrusted origin. A K-12 district Internet safety program, based on the Common Sense Media curriculum, has been implemented at each school. Teachers will reinforce the learned Common Sense Media concepts when appropriate to developing student information literacy skills through the core curriculum. The Common Sense Media curriculum focuses on cyber community citizenship in the primary grades; citizenship and safety, and cyber predator identification in the upper elementary grades; cyber bullying, negative networking, and predator identification, in the middle grades; and cyber harassment, cyber relationships, security – malicious codes, and social-networking risks at the high school level. Every student and teacher will have the opportunity to participate in the Common Sense Media curriculum. Common Sense Media provides free education for parents, students, and schools about online student safety. This quality education resource helps minors be educated about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response.

As technology continues to revolutionize the way we live, it also changes the way we can educate our children. Teachers are receiving staff development to augment their ability to integrate computers and other technologies into their curricula in order to improve teaching and learning. They use a variety of electronic media and technologies including the Internet to obtain information. During the daily teaching your child may be required to use the Internet or other on-line services to review and/or retrieve information. Therefore, we are bound by federal law to provide guidelines to protect children who use the Internet.

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The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was signed into law on December 21, 2000, and released as Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Report and Order #01-120 on April 5, 2001. Passed as part of a major federal funding bill, H.R. 4577, the new law requires K-12 schools and libraries to implement filtering or blocking technology for all computers, and develop and implement an Internet Safety Policy. The Jurupa Unified School District has an Internet Safety Policy [Instruction: Policy 6163.5] that was approved by the Board on October 1, 2001.

We share your concerns about your child's safety and security while using the Internet, and we have installed special filtering equipment to limit access to inappropriate material. Please contact your child's principal or site administrator to discuss whether reasonable adjustments may be required for a student's particular needs.

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