ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR DIGITAL RESOURCES

Sending, receiving and storing digital data using Tacoma School District resources (computers, telecommunications and/or networking equipment) represent powerful educational resources and potential for greater efficiency in delivering district services. The district encourages information dissemination, collaboration, innovation and experimentation through the ethical use of technology, and requires its staff and students to adhere to federal and state laws and district policies applying to the use of all computer and telecommunications hardware and software and digital data.

The use of all computing resources, digital data, telecommunications, networking equipment and software is covered by this policy, including computers and peripheral computer equipment, local area networks, wide area networks, Internet access, video access, telephones, fax machines, answering machines, voice mail, electronic mail and other devices (hereafter known as “digital resources”).

Tacoma’s Educational Network (TEDNET), the wide area network that connects all of the district’s buildings and local area networks (hereafter known as the network), and all digital resources shall be used to support the education of Tacoma students and the goals of the district.

The superintendent shall develop appropriate guidelines for the use of Tacoma Public Schools’ digital resources.

Cross References: Board Policy 2020 Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials 2025 Copyright Compliance 3241 Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment 5010 Employee Conduct Rules 5251 Conflicts of Interest 5281 Termination of Certificated Staff 6250 Use of District-Owned Equipment and Materials

Legal Reference: 18 USC 2510-2522 Electronic Communications Privacy Act

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