

INSTRUCTION

Educational Technology

The Port Townsend School District board of directors recognizes that an effective public education system develops students who are globally aware, civically engaged, and capable of managing their lives and careers. The board also believes that students need to be proficient and safe users of information, media and technology to succeed in a digital world.

Therefore, the Port Townsend School District will use educational technology as a powerful and compelling means for students to learn core subjects and applied skills in relevant and rigorous ways. It is the district's goal to provide students with rich and ample opportunities to use technology for important purposes in schools just as individuals in workplaces and other real-life settings use these tools. The district's technology will enable educators and students to communicate, learn, share, collaborate and create, to think and solve problems, to manage their work and to take ownership of their lives.

The Port Townsend School District Board of Directors believes that learning will be transformed in schools when technology and other tools serve the individual learner in their everyday learning experiences. All learners (students and teachers) will have the tools, experience and creative frameworks necessary for authentic learning within a community context.

The board directs the superintendent or designee to create strong electronic educational systems that support innovative teaching and learning, to provide appropriate staff development opportunities, and to develop procedures to support this policy.

Cross References:	Policy 2020	Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials
	Policy 2025	Copyright Compliance
	Policy 3207	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
	Policy 3231	Student Records
	Policy 4040	Public Access to District Records
	Policy 5281	Disciplinary Action and Discharge
Legal Reference:	18 U.S.C. §§ 2510-2522	Electronic Communication Privacy Act
	Pub. L. No. 110-385	Protecting Children in the 21 st Century Act
Management	Policy News Feb. 2012	Policy News
Resources:	Policy News, June 2008	Electronic Resources
	<i>Policy News</i> , June 2001	Congress Requires Internet Blocking at School
	<i>Policy News</i> , August 1998	Permission required to review email

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