HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BP 3720 Computer, Electronic Communication, and Network Use

References: Education Code Section 70902; 17 U.S. Code Sections 101 et seq. Penal Code Section 502; Cal. Const., Art. 1 Section 1; Government Code Section 3543.1(b); Accreditation Standard III.C.2, Government Code § 6250

The District owns and operates computer and electronic communication systems that support the District's mission of providing instruction and support services to students. The District explicitly prohibits individuals from using its computer systems and networks to violate intellectual property and copyright laws. All users of District information technology resources shall secure appropriate prior permission to download and/or distribute protected material in any form, including computer software, text, photographic images, graphic illustrations, video, and audio including music.

The District encourages the use of information technology resources and makes them widely available to the District community. Nonetheless, the use of information technology resources is limited by restrictions that apply to all District property and by constraints necessary for the reliable operation of electronic systems and services. The District reserves the right to deny access to its information technology resources when necessary to satisfy these restrictions and constraints.

Anyone who uses District information technology resources and the information they contain, and related resources, has a responsibility to use those resources in an acceptable manner and to respect the rights of others. The superintendent/president shall establish administrative procedures that provide guidelines to users for the appropriate use of the District's information technologies. The procedures shall include that users must respect software copyrights and licenses, respect the integrity of computer-based information resources, refrain from seeking to gain unauthorized access, and respect the rights of other users of information technology.

See Administrative Procedure 3720.
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