

Community Relations

DISTRICT AND SCHOOL WEB SITES

To enhance communication with students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members, the Governing Board encourages the development and ongoing maintenance of district and school web sites. Web sites shall be aligned with the district's plans for communications and media relations.

The Superintendent or designee may establish design standards for district and school web sites in order to maintain a consistent identity, professional appearance, and ease of use.

Content

The Superintendent or designee shall develop content guidelines for district and school web sites. These guidelines shall be consistent with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

Staff, students, or other persons may submit materials for web publication to the district or school webmaster who shall ensure that the content adheres to district guidelines and policies.

District and school web sites shall not include content that is obscene, libelous, or slanderous, or which creates a clear and present danger of inciting students to commit unlawful acts, violate school rules, or substantially disrupt the school's orderly operation.

The Superintendent or designee should ensure that copyright laws are not violated in the use of material on district or school web sites.

Any links to external web sites shall support the educational mission and shall include a disclaimer that the district is not responsible for the content of external web sites.

Advertising on district or school web sites may be accepted under the same restrictions and conditions set forth in law, Board policy, and administrative regulations pertaining to advertising in district and school-sponsored publications.

Privacy Rights

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that web site content protects the privacy rights of students, parents/guardians, staff, Board members, and other individuals.

Phone numbers, home addresses, and email addresses of students or their parents/guardians shall not be published on a district or school web page.

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Other directory information including, but not limited to, photographs of individual students with their names may be published except when the student's parent/guardian has notified the district in writing to not allow the release of the student's photograph without prior written consent in accordance with BP/AR 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information. Photographs of groups of students, such as at a school event, may be published provided that students' names are not included.

Home addresses or telephone numbers of staff members shall not be posted.

No public safety official shall be required as a condition of employment to consent to the posting on the Internet of his/her photograph or identity as a public safety officer for any purpose if that officer reasonably believes that the disclosure may result in a threat, harassment, intimidation, or harm to the officer or his/her family. (Government Code 3307.5)

District and school web sites shall not post the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official including, but not limited to, a Board member or public safety official, without the prior written permission of that individual. (Government Code 3307.5, 6254.21, 6254.24)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35182.5 Contracts for advertising

35258 Internet access to school accountability report cards

48907 Exercise of free expression; rules and regulations

48950 Speech and other communication

49061 Definitions, directory information

49073 Release of directory information

60048 Commercial brand names, contracts or logos

GOVERNMENT CODE

3307.5 Publishing identity of public safety officers

6254.21 Publishing addresses and phone numbers of officials

6254.24 Definition of public safety official