

7. Technology in the Schools

The Berkeley Unified School District provides technology equipment in many classrooms, laboratories and libraries through the District, and provides access to the Internet in all of our schools. The administration and school staff believe strongly in the educational value of electronic media and recognize its potential to support the curriculum and student learning. The District's goal in providing technology and Internet services is to promote educational excellence by allowing access to databases from all over the world and by facilitating resource sharing and communication via e-mail. The technology resources of our schools must be used in a manner that conforms with the school's educational purposes and environment.

The District makes every effort to protect students from any misuse or abuse as a result of their experiences using the Internet. The District requires that all students and staff using District technology agree to the terms and conditions of the *Acceptable Use Agreement*. The complete policies for both elementary and secondary students are found in Section 9 of this Handbook. Please review the appropriate policy with your child. It is important that students understand the policy as violation of the policy may result in disciplinary action against the student. No student will be allowed to use District computers unless a signed copy of the *Acceptable Use Policy* is on file with the classroom teacher or technology resource teacher.

For further information, please call Jay Nitschke, Director, Technology, at 644-8890.