



**This Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is applicable to all persons using Technology while studying, working, or visiting in the Qualicum School District.**

### **Purpose**

The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) recognizes the value of technology in enhancing student learning and in enhancing the administration and operation of its schools. To this end, and in order to support its mission and strategic priorities, the Board supports the responsible uses of technology that support learning, respect privacy and ensure safety.

Technology is defined as computers, mobile devices including cell phones, software, networks, the Internet, online communications and other technologies. For the purposes of this policy and its related Administrative Procedure technology includes that which is provided by the School District or that which is brought by the user.

The Board understands that technology-based access to information, collaboration and creativity are vital to intellectual enhancement and productivity and that web-based information can be difficult to control or filter. Therefore, the Board is committed to informing all students and staff of potential risks and benefits that come with access to technological resources, and to clarifying expectations and restrictions on uses of information technologies in the school district.

### **Policy**

Whether provided by the School District or brought by the user, technology is to be used primarily for educational and/or research purposes and for conducting valid School District business. Any other uses that interfere with the security or integrity of the system are prohibited. The intent is to:

- support and enhance the delivery of educational services to students and provide options; to meet their learning styles, access requirements, and program needs;
- provide tools to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the business of education;
- enhance opportunities for staff to participate in professional development activities; and,
- communicate with partner groups and the community.

Limitations on use and responses to inappropriate uses of technology will be in keeping with the Administrative Procedure.

### **References:**

- Administrative Procedure: *Acceptable Use of Technology*
- Board Policy 9000: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy – Management and Access to Information*