Student Code of Ethics with Web 2.0 products

1. Students accessing or using Weblogs, Wikis and Podcasts per student assignment are required to keep personal information out of their postings. Students will not post or give out photographs of themselves or others, their family name, password, user name, email address, home address, school name, city, country or other information that could help someone locate or contact them in person.

2. Students using Moodle will not share their user name or password with anyone other than their teachers and parents.

3. Students will not log in as another classmate.

4. Students using Weblogs, Wikis, Podcasts or Moodle will treat these tools as a classroom space. Speech that is inappropriate for class is not appropriate on Weblogs, Wikis, Podcasts or Moodle. Students are expected to treat others and their ideas on line with respect.

5. Assignments on Weblogs, Wikis, Podcasts or Moodle are like any other assignment in school. Students, in the course of completing the assignment, are expected to abide by policies and procedures in the Student Handbook, including those policies regarding plagiarism and acceptable use of technology.

6. Student Blogs are to be a forum for student expression. However, they are first and foremost a tool for learning. The district may restrict speech for valid educational reasons as outlined in School Board Policy 5145.3.

7. Students shall not use the Internet, in connection with the teacher assignments, to harass, discriminate or threaten the safety of others. If students receive a comment on a Blog or other Web 2.0 tool used in school that makes them feel uncomfortable or is not respectful, they must report this to a teacher, and must not respond to the comment.

8. Students accessing Blogs, Wikis, or Podcasts from school using school equipment shall not download or install any software without permission, and not click on ads or competitions.

9. Students should be honest, fair and courageous in gathering, interpreting and expressing information for the benefit of others. Always identify sources and test the accuracy of information from all sources.

10. Students will treat information, sources, subjects, colleagues and information consumers as human beings deserving of respect. Gathering and expressing information should never cause harm or threaten to be harmful to any person or group of people.

11. Students are accountable to their readers, listeners, viewers and to each other. Admit mistakes and correct them promptly. Expose unethical information and practices of others.

12. School Board policies concerning acceptable use of technology include the use of these Web 2.0 tools for school activities; Board policy 6161.2 Acceptable Use Policy, Board Policy 6161.3 World Wide Web and Board Policy 6160 on Copyright.

13. Failure to follow this Code of Ethics will result in academic sanctions and/or disciplinary action.