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POLICY GROUP 1 – GOVERNANCE

TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES TO STUDENTS

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Sec. 1. DEFINITIONS

“Data processing” has the meaning assigned by Section 2054.003, Government Code.

“Electronic device” means a device that is capable of connecting to a cellular network or the Internet, including: (i) a computer; (ii) a smartphone; or (iii) a tablet.

“Internet filter” means a software application that is capable of preventing an electronic device from accessing certain websites or displaying certain online material.

Education Code 32.101.

Sec. 2. STANDARDS FOR PERMISSIBLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS

The Superintendent or designee shall adopt standards for permissible electronic devices and software applications used by UT Tyler University Academy. Such standards shall comply with the *Standards for Permissible Electronic Devices and Software Applications* published by the Texas Education Agency.

Sec. 3. AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER EQUIPMENT TO STUDENTS

a) *Student Eligibility*

In transferring data processing equipment to students, UT Tyler University Academy shall give preference to educationally disadvantaged students. *Education Code 32.103.*

b) *Equipment Eligible for Transfer*

UT Tyler University Academy may transfer to a student enrolled in the school:

1. Any data processing equipment donated and accepted by UT Tyler University Academy, including equipment donated by (i) a private donor or (ii) a state eleemosynary institution or a state agency under section 2175.905, Government Code;
2. Any equipment purchased by UT Tyler University Academy, to the extent consistent with Education Code 32.105.

Educ. Code 31.102(a).

c) *Requirements for Transfer*

Before transferring data processing equipment or an electronic device to a student, the Superintendent or designee must:

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1. Adopt rules governing transfers under this policy, including provisions for technical assistance to the student by UT Tyler University Academy;
2. Determine that the transfer serves a public purpose and benefits UT Tyler University Academy;
3. Remove from the equipment any offensive, confidential, or proprietary information, as determined by UT Tyler University Academy;
4. Adopt rules establishing programs for promoting parents as partners in cybersecurity and online safety that involve parents in students' use of transferred equipment or electronic devices; and
5. For the transfer of an electronic device to be used for an educational purpose, install an Internet filter that blocks and prohibits pornographic or obscene materials or applications, including from unsolicited pop-ups, installations, and downloads.

Education Code 32.104.

d) *Return of Equipment*

Except as provided below, a student who receives data processing equipment from UT Tyler University Academy shall return the equipment to UT Tyler University Academy no later than the earliest of:

1. Five years after the date the student receives the equipment;
2. The date the student graduates;
3. The date the student transfers to another school district or open-enrollment charter school;
or
4. The date the student withdraws from school.

The requirement for a student to return data processing equipment does not apply if, at the time the student would otherwise be required to return the equipment, UT Tyler University Academy determines that the equipment has no marketable value.

Education Code 32.106.

e) *Accepting Donations*

UT Tyler University Academy may accept:

1. Donations of data processing equipment for transfer under Subchapter C, Chapter 32, Texas Education Code; or
2. Any gifts, grants, or donations of money or services to purchase, refurbish, or repair data processing equipment under Subchapter C, Chapter 32, Texas Education Code.

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Educ. Code 31.102(b).

f) *Expenditure of Public Funds*

UT Tyler University Academy may spend public funds to:

1. Purchase, refurbish, or repair any data processing equipment transferred to a student under this policy; and
2. Store, transport, or transfer data processing equipment under this policy.

Education Code 32.105.