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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH ARE AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING CHAPTER 60-20 and 60-30 PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM RULES AND REGULATIONS

**PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Public School System (PSS) finds that:

**INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Public School System intends to adopt as permanent regulations the attached Proposed Regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The Regulations would become effective ten (10) days after adoption and publication in the Commonwealth Register. (1 CMC § 9105(b))

**AUTHORITY:** The proposed amendments to PSS regulations are promulgated pursuant to the Board's authority as provided by Article XV of the CNMI Constitution, Public Law 6-10, and the CNMI Administrative Procedures Act.

**THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE:** The proposed amendment is set forth to provide procedural guidelines for the Technology Use Regulation.

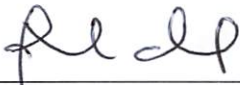
**THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED:** The Proposed Regulation sets forth the regulations and procedures required for: (1) §60-20-540 Library, Media Technology Services, and Network; Student Internet Usage. (2) 60-30.2-370 Internet Usage. (3) 60-30.2-268 Internet Usage.

**DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION:** These Proposed Regulations shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the section on proposed and newly adopted regulations. (1 CMC § 9102(a) (1) and posted in convenient places in the civic center and local government offices in each senatorial district, both in English and the principal vernacular. (1 CMC § 9104 (a) (1))



**TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:** All interested persons may examine the proposed amendments and submit written comments, positions, or statements for or against the proposed amendments to the Chairperson, State Board of Education, via mail at P.O. Box 501370 CK, Saipan, MP 96950, via phone at 670-664-3711 or via email to [boe.admin@cnmipss.org](mailto:boe.admin@cnmipss.org) within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of the publication in the Commonwealth Register of these amendments. (1 CMC § 9104(a) (2))

This regulation was approved at the State Board of Education Special Meeting on December 13, 2024.

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Chairperson, State Board of Education  
Date

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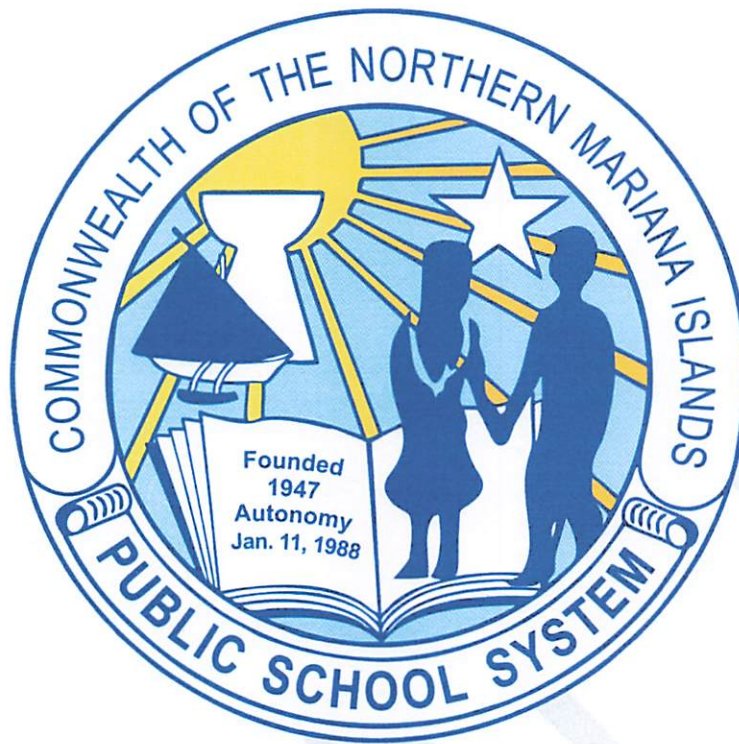
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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104 (a) (3) (obtain AG approval) the proposed regulations attached hereto have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General and shall be published (1 CMC § 2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations)).

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June 2025.

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Edward E. Manibusan  
Attorney General





# Technology Use Regulation Revision Proposal

CNMI PSS  
Version 1.0  
July 30, 2024





## **Executive Summary**

This proposed update aims to ensure the CNMI Public School System's policies remain current, relevant, and effective in safeguarding its educational environment while promoting innovation and digital literacy. With defined roles and oversight led by the Technology Oversight Committee, these updates will support responsible technology use and promote equal access to digital resources. This proposal outlines the rationale, key updates, and responsibilities for successful implementation.

## **Introduction**

The CNMI PSS is committed to providing a secure, equitable, and innovative digital environment for all students and staff. To uphold this commitment, PSS is revisiting and updating its technology use regulations, last revised 23 years ago (in 2001). This proposal outlines necessary updates to address the current technological landscape and ensure our policies reflect best practices in cybersecurity, digital literacy, and equitable access.

## **Rationale**

Updating the technology use regulation for the CNMI PSS is essential to address the evolving landscape of digital tools and safe, responsible use of technology in education. As technology rapidly advances, new devices, software, and online platforms continuously reshape the learning environment and administrative processes. Outdated regulations can leave the district vulnerable to security risks, inefficiencies, and inequities in access. By revising these regulations, the district ensures that technology use aligns with current best practices, enhances educational opportunities, and protects sensitive data.

The CNMI PSS hereby recognizes that: (a) Use of technology, when effectively applied, is necessary to enhance educational outcomes and support the district's mission; and (b) Reasonable measures must be adopted and implemented to ensure that technology is used in a manner that is safe, ethical, and aligned with the CNMI PSS's values.

## **Proposed Changes to the Current Regulation**

- **Existing Regulations:** This proposed regulation will *replace* the following regulations in their entirety:
  - §60-20-540 Library, Media, Technology Services and Network; Student Internet Usage and
  - § 60-30.2-370 Internet Usage
  - § 60-30.3-268 Internet Usage
- **Proposed Regulation:**
  - (1) The CNMI Public School System (PSS) is committed to establishing clear guidelines for the use of technology by students, staff, and stakeholders.
  - (2) The CNMI PSS, through its Commissioner of Education and in conjunction with the Technology Oversight Committee, shall be responsible for drafting, adopting, and publishing policies for the appropriate use of technology. These policies shall be binding on the CNMI PSS, its staff and students. It shall be the sole discretion of the Commissioner of Education's to determine when and what policies are necessary to govern the use of technology for the CNMI PSS. The CNMI Board of Education reserves the right to promulgate overarching policies





as necessary for the CNMI PSS but it shall be the Commissioner's responsibility to draft specific policies for everyday governance.

- (3) The CNMI PSS will establish and enforce policies to ensure safe and responsible technology use to protect users from harmful material while allowing internet use for education.
- (4) The CNMI PSS will adopt digital literacy policies to empower students and staff with the critical skills, ethical understanding, and technical proficiency to responsibly participate in a rapidly evolving technological landscape.
- (5) The CNMI PSS will adopt cybersecurity policies to ensure the protection of sensitive data, maintain the integrity of its systems, and safeguard against cyber threats.
- (6) The CNMI PSS will adopt digital equity policies to ensure that students have equitable access to high-quality digital resources, tools, and opportunities regardless of their socioeconomic status, geographic location, or personal circumstances.
- (7) The CNMI PSS will ensure this regulation undergoes periodic review and revision as necessary to maintain its effectiveness and relevance.
- (8) Regulations shall be published by the CNMI PSS in the following manner:
  - Shall be published on its website and accessible to the general public
  - Shall be distributed via email to everyone who has a CNMI PSS email
  - Shall administer an electronic acknowledgment form, accessible via a unique link, where each recipient must review and formally acknowledge their understanding and consent to abide by the regulations.

### **Responsibilities:**

The successful implementation of the revised Technology Use Regulation relies on clearly defined responsibilities across various departments and roles to ensure a secure and compliant digital environment. The Director of the Office of State Infrastructure Technology will establish a Technology Oversight Committee responsible for monitoring and maintaining the Technology Regulation and associated policies for staff and students. Key responsibilities include:

- Office of SIT: As the leader of the Technology Oversight Committee, the System Administrator ensures the effective implementation and oversight of the Technology Regulation and associated policies.
- Office of Instructional Technology & Distance Education: Develops digital literacy programs and trains staff and students on responsible technology use, ensuring educational tools are safe and aligned with instructional goals
- Department of Accountability, Research & Evaluation: Evaluates the effectiveness of technology policies and digital equity initiatives, reporting findings to support data-informed improvements in technology use.
- Data Governance Committee Representative: Ensures data governance aligns with privacy standards, trains staff on data security, and regularly audits data access to maintain compliance with regulations.

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#### **Appendix**

- CNMI PSS Instructional Technology Appropriate Use Regulation Board of Education Action No. 2021.17.09 Approved on September 30, 2021
- CNMI PSS Acceptable Use Policy
- CNMI PSS Acceptable Use Agreement

