

**SCOTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Board Policy**

**Instruction****Use of Computers in Instruction**

The Scotland Board of Education recognizes that technological advances in all areas are necessary and that microcomputers will continue to be a major part of this advance. As such, the Board's goal is to implement computer resources in the school facility to enable students to be independent, competent, responsible, and confident users of information and technology. Because of the many types of applications and the potential costs, the Board establishes the following policy to plan for and guide this growth both for instructional and administrative uses.

Microcomputers for instruction will be used primarily to enable students to:

- Communicate information and ideas, conduct research, organize data and solve problems, and create original works;
- Demonstrate responsible, legal, and ethical use of information and technology;
- Use effective and efficient strategies to explore and use a wide range of information and technology resources to gain knowledge, deepen understanding, and make informed decisions and solve problems for educational, career and personal pursuits;
- Apply information and technology competencies to learning in the content areas;
- Locate, evaluate, interpret, and synthesize information from print and non-print sources; and
- Use technology tools to enhance learning, increase productivity and promote creativity.

All students and staff using microcomputers will be instructed in the proper use and care of the hardware and software prior to its use.

Data bases will be restricted to those normally generated within instructional areas.

The Scotland Elementary School Principal, or designee, will coordinate the use of microcomputers in the classrooms within her/his building.