

USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES IN INSTRUCTION

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision and the basic structure for providing technology resources in instruction.

The Internet can provide a vast collection of educational resources for students and employees. It is a global network that makes it impossible to control all available information. Because information appears, disappears and changes constantly, it is not possible to predict or control what students may locate. The school district makes no guarantees as to the accuracy of information received on the Internet. Although students will be under teacher supervision while on the network, it is not possible to constantly monitor individual students and what they are accessing on the network. Some students might encounter information that is not of educational value.

Accessing inappropriate sites

Student Internet activities will be monitored by the district to ensure students are not accessing inappropriate sites that have visual depictions that include obscenity, child pornography or are harmful to minors. The school district will use technology protection measures to protect students from inappropriate access.

The district will provide reasonable notice of and at least one public hearing or meeting to address and communicate its Internet safety measures.

Reporting

District and school computer technicians who are working with a computer and come across sexually explicit images of children must report this to local law enforcement. The report must include the name and address of the owner or person in possession of the computer. In addition, the report must also be provided to the Assistant Superintendent or Superintendent. Disciplinary procedures will be applied as with any other potential criminal behavior.

Online behavior

The district will educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites, in chat rooms, cyberbullying awareness, email and unlawful access including so called "hacking" and other unlawful online activities. The superintendent or his/her designee will develop a program to educate students on these issues.

Off-campus conduct

Students, parents/legal guardians, teachers and staff members should be aware that the district may take disciplinary actions for conduct initiated and/or created off-campus involving the inappropriate use of the Internet or web-based resources if such conduct poses a threat or substantially interferes with or disrupts the work and discipline of the schools, including discipline for student harassment and bullying.

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Unauthorized access and dissemination of electronic content

Students and staff are prohibited from unauthorized access to online content. Unauthorized electronic dissemination of personal content regarding minors is prohibited.

Measures to restrict access to harmful material

The district will implement the use of electronic screening and blocking technology to restrict harmful online content. In addition, staff supervising students will be vigilant in restricting potentially harmful online content.

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Legal references:

- A. Federal Law:
 - a. 47 USC Section 254(h) – Children’s Internet Protection Act.
 - b. The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, Section 512 – Limitations on liability relating to material online.
- B. South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended:
 - a. Section 10-1-205 – Computers in public libraries; regulation of Internet access.
 - b. Section 16-3-850 – Encountering child pornography while processing film or working on a computer.
 - c. Section 16-15-305 – Disseminating, procuring or promoting obscenity unlawful; definitions; penalties; obscene material designated contraband.
 - d. Section 59-19-90 – General powers and duties of school trustees.
- C. Court cases:
 - a. Purdham v. Fairfax Co. Sch. Bd., 637 F.3d 421, 427 (4th Cir. 2011).