

**Policy**  
**Internet Safety****Descriptor Code: IFBGE**

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**Introduction**

It is the policy of the school district to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [47 USC 254(h)].

**Definitions**

Key terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

**Access to Inappropriate Material**

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

**Inappropriate Network Usage**

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the school system online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

**Education, Supervision and Monitoring**

It shall be the responsibility of all members of each school's administration, teaching and library staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act.

The school system shall have in operation procedures or guidelines concerning online activities of students that are designed to provide for the students age-appropriate instruction regarding safe

and appropriate online behavior, including interacting with others on social networking sites and in chat rooms; behaviors that may constitute cyber-bullying; and how to respond when subjected to cyber-bullying.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection

measures shall be the responsibility of the Technology Director or designated representatives of the technology staff.

For each school in the Laurens County School System, the principal or designated representatives will provide age appropriate training for any and all students who use the school's Internet facilities prior to such use. The training provided will be designed to promote the Laurens County School System's commitment to:

- A. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Laurens County School System's Internet Safety Policy;
  
- B. Student safety with regard to:
  - i. safety on the Internet;
  - ii. appropriate online behavior, on social networking web sites, in chat rooms; and
  - iii. cyber-bullying awareness and response.
  
- C. Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act

Following receipt of this training, the student will acknowledge that he/she received the training, understood it, and will follow the provisions of the Laurens County Board of Education's "Acceptable Use Policy".

#### **CIPA DEFINITION OF TERMS:**

**TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURE.** The term "technology protection measure" means a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are:

1. OBSCENE, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code;
2. CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or
3. Harmful to minors.

**HARMFUL TO MINORS.** The term "harmful to minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

1. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;

2. Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
3. Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

**SEXUAL ACT; SEXUAL CONTACT.** The terms "sexual act" and "sexual contact" have the meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.

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#### **State Reference**

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O.C.G.A 16-09-0093

O.C.G.A 16-09-0093.1

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O.C.G.A 16-09-0122

O.C.G.A 16-11-0037.1

O.C.G.A 16-12-0100.1

O.C.G.A 16-12-0100.2

O.C.G.A 20-02-0149

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#### **Federal Reference**

15 USC 6501

15 USC 6502

15 USC 6503

20 USC 6777

47 USC 254(h)(5)(B)(iii)

#### **Description**

Notification required upon breach of security regarding personal information

Georgia Computer Systems Protection Act

Computer Related Crime

Definitions

Computer crimes defined

Misleading transmittal

Violations

Attempting or conspiring to attempt identity fraud

Dissemination of information relating to terroristic acts

Electronically furnishing obscene material to minors

Computer or electronic pornography and child exploitation prevention

Online internet safety education

Subscriber's control of minor's use of internet

#### **Description**

Children's Online Privacy Protection Act - Definitions

Children's Online Privacy Protection Act - Collection and use of personal information from and about children on the Internet

Children's Online Privacy Protection Act - Safe harbors

Internet Safety

Universal Service

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.