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Policy Detail

The Marietta Board of Education believes that the use of the Internet in instructional programs is an educational tool which facilitates communication, innovation, resource sharing and access to information. The Board further believes that a “technology rich” classroom can significantly enhance both the teaching and learning process and that use of the Internet must be in support of education and research consistent with the educational mission, goals, and objectives of the school system. This technology includes computer hardware, software, and other devices capable of accessing the Internet, local and wide area networks and the access to the Internet.

SYSTEM SAFEGUARDS

It is the policy of Marietta City Board of Education that the school system shall have in continuous operation, with respect to any computers belonging to the school having access to the internet:

1. A qualifying “technology protection measure,” as that term is defined in Section 1703(b)(1) of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000; and
2. Procedures or guidelines developed by the superintendent, administrators and/or other appropriate personnel which provide for monitoring the online activities of users and the use of the chosen technology protection measure to protect against access through such computers to visual depictions that are (i) obscene, (ii) child pornography, or (iii) harmful to minors, as those terms are defined in Section 1703(b)(1) and (2) of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000. Such procedures or guidelines shall be designed to:
 - a. Provide for monitoring the online activities of users to prevent, to the extent practicable, access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and the World Wide Web;

- b. Educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act.
- c. Prevent unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unauthorized activities by minors online;
- d. Prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and
- e. Restrict minors' access to materials "harmful to minors," as that term is defined in Section 1703(b)(2) of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000.

USE OF DISTRICT RESOURCES

The school system's technology resources are provided for educational and communication purposes that promote and are consistent with the instructional goals of the school system. Use of computers and network resources outside the scope of this educational purpose is strictly prohibited. Students and employees accessing network services on any school computer shall comply with the district's acceptable use guidelines. The school system reserves the right to monitor, access, and disclose the contents of any user's files, activities, or communications.

Marietta City Schools will comply with all federal laws governing access to and use of the Internet by students; however, it should not be assumed that users are completely prevented from accessing inappropriate materials or from sending or receiving objectionable communications.

Students, their parent/guardians, and employees who use school system technology assets and or network resources, must sign the appropriate Computers and Network Resources Acceptable Use Guidelines signifying that they have read and agree to be bound by the terms of the agreement.

EMPLOYEE USAGE

Marietta City Schools fully respects the legal rights of its employees. However, inappropriate or unprofessional uses of the Internet and/or technology in or outside of work that effect employee job performance, employee interaction with students, the performance of others, the School System's interests or the education of Marietta City Schools students are a proper focus for Marietta Board of Education policy and may result in employee discipline or termination.

LOSS OF USE RIGHTS

In addition, use of the Internet and school technology resources is a privilege, not a right. Users violating the Board's policy and administrative guidelines shall be

subject to revocation of privileges and potential disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action.