

Descriptor Term: INTERNET USE POLICY

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The Board of Trustees of the Gulfport School District will provide students, faculty, and staff access to the internet and the District's Wide Area Network. Network resources are only for educational purposes, and to conduct legitimate business of the District. The Board believes that offering this resource is consistent with the District's Mission Statement to "inspire each student to become a problem solver, lifelong learner, and a productive member of society" as it increases access to resources, information, and global communication.

The Superintendent will cause to be developed an Internet User Operational Rules and Procedures. The Operational Rules and Procedures will be revised annually and submitted for Board review and approval. All employees must sign an Internet Consent Form for Users signifying their agreement to abide by the Operational Rules and Procedures. Students and parents/guardians will be informed of the Internet Use Rules and Regulations through the student handbook.

The Operational Rules and Procedures (ORP) are to include procedures for the use of technology, telecommunication and services that are in compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. As a minimum, the ORP will address areas of system resources, security, compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), safety, email monitoring, warranties/indemnification, process for restructuring internet access, donations, and a user contract that, when signed, signifies the user has read and agrees to abide by the terms of the ORP.