

Board Policy IFBGE: Internet Safety

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Internet Safety

The Clayton County Board of Education is committed to providing opportunities for employees and students to participate in learning experiences via various electronic technologies. Accordingly, the Internet is recognized as an important educational resource similar to books, magazines, videos, and other informational services.

Information gathered via the Internet shall be related to the educational purposes of enhancing the teaching program and student achievement, providing support for instructional and curricular goals, and assisting students in the attainment of skills necessary to continue their development as life long learners in a technologically advanced world.

The Internet is viewed as a fluid environment in which information available to students is constantly changing. Therefore, the District believes that it is impossible to predict with certainty what information students might locate. The electronic information available to students does not imply endorsement by the District of the content.

The Superintendent shall establish guidelines, access criteria and protection measures as may be deemed necessary in regulating the use of the Internet by students and employees. The system guidelines and criteria will be in accordance with the requirements of law and applicable regulations.

INTERNET SAFETY

- a. The Superintendent shall, with respect to any computers belonging to the Clayton County School System and having access to the Internet:
 1. Ensure that a qualifying “technology protection measure,” as that term is defined in section 1703 (b)(1) of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000 (CIPA), is installed and in continuous operation; and
 2. Ensure that minors are educated about appropriate online behavior, including interaction with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and about cyber bullying awareness and responses, as required by CIPA and set forth in Board Policy JCDAG and its implementing regulation JCDAG-R(1); and
 3. Institute, maintain and enforce procedures or guidelines which provide for monitoring the online activities of users and the use of the chosen technology protection measure to prevent access to visual depictions that are (i) obscene, (ii) child pornography, or (iii) “harmful to minors,” as that term is defined in section 1721 (c) of (CIPA).
- b. The Superintendent shall, with respect to access to the Internet by or through computers, networks or other devices belonging to the Clayton County School System institute, maintain and enforce procedures or guidelines which:
 1. provide for monitoring the online activities of users to limit, to the extent practicable, access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet;
 2. are designed to promote the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
 3. are designed to prevent unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking,” and other unauthorized activities by minors online;
 4. are designed to prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors;
 5. are designed to restrict minors’ access to materials “harmful to minors,” as that term is defined in section 1721 (c) of (CIPA); and
 6. provide for students age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services, behavior that may constitute Cyber bullying, and how to respond when subjected to Cyber bullying.

Failure to abide by the established guidelines governing the use of the District's system may result in the suspension and/or revocation of access privileges. Additionally, student violations may result in disciplinary measures up to and including suspension or expulsion. Employee violations may result in sanctions up to and including termination. Violators may also be subject to legal action and/or may have fees or other charges imposed.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: 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.

Note: To access the policy references, **CLICK HERE: [State of Georgia Terms and Conditions](#)** and close the LexisNexis tab, which will return you to the policy. Click on the links below to be taken to each specific code. **You should only have to do this one time per session.**

State References

	Description
O.C.G.A. 10-01-0912	Notification required upon breach of security regarding personal information
O.C.G.A. 16-09-0090	Georgia Computer Systems Protection Act
O.C.G.A. 16-09-0091	Computer Related Crime
O.C.G.A. 16-09-0092	Computer Crimes: Definitions
O.C.G.A. 16-09-0093	Computer crimes defined
O.C.G.A. 16-09-0093.1	Misleading transmittal
O.C.G.A. 16-09-0094	Violations
O.C.G.A. 16-09-0122	Attempting or conspiring to attempt identity fraud
O.C.G.A. 16-11-0037.1	Dissemination of information relating to terroristic acts
O.C.G.A. 16-12-0100.1	Electronically furnishing obscene material to minors
O.C.G.A. 16-12-0100.2	Computer or electronic pornography and child exploitation prevention
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0149	Program for educating students regarding online Internet safety
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0324	Internet safety policies in public schools
O.C.G.A. 38-03-0022.2	Sharing and reporting of cyber attacks and data breaches; reports or records confidential; construction with other provisions
O.C.G.A. 39-05-0002	Subscriber's control of minor's use of internet

Federal References

	Description
15 USC 6501	Children's Online Privacy Protection Act - Definitions
15 USC 6502	Children's Online Privacy Protection Act-Regulation of unfair and deceptive acts in collection and use of personal info from and about children
15 USC 6503	Children's Online Privacy Protection Act - Safe harbors
20 USC 7116	21st Century Schools-Local educational agency applications
20 USC 7131	Internet Safety
47 USC 254(h)(5)	Universal Service-Requirements for certain schools with computers having Internet access