

INSTRUCTION

Digital Literacy and Internet Safety Policy

Safe and responsible use of internet resources is an important component of preparing students to be productive citizens. Therefore, the School Board adopts this Policy to promote safe and responsible use of the Internet within the School Division, supporting students, educators, and families. Aligned with the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) guidance, this Policy emphasizes digital citizenship, ensuring that individuals navigate the digital world with respect, integrity, and empathy. It also addresses digital citizenship, media literacy, computer science, artificial intelligence (AI), and internet safety through actionable guidelines, encouraging a balanced approach to technology use. Critical components of supporting school safety involve the infusion of digital access, use, and design practices as well as engagement in conversations about digital citizenship and internet safety. In addition, resources and assistance programs must be available for any student or parent who may have encountered online solicitation by sexual predators or other illegal online communications or activities. The School Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to develop regulations and/or procedures that are consistent with Virginia Department of Education regulations and other applicable law regarding internet safety.

Related links:

[Policy 6-62 Computer systems](#)

[Policy 6-64 Acceptable Use Policy](#)

Legal references:

[Code of Virginia §22.1-24.2, as amended. Internet Safety Advisory Council.](#)

[Virginia Board of Education, *Model Policy on Internet Safety*. \(2025\)](#)

A. Definition

~~Digital literacy includes, but is not limited to, knowledge of and experience with computers and technology involving drill, tutorial or simulation lessons and problem solving. The term also includes an awareness of the potential that technology has for the future—for jobs and for everyday living.~~

~~B. Implementation~~

~~Within reasonable budgetary limitations the School Board encourages the use of technology as tools for instruction at all grade levels.~~

Legal Reference

~~Virginia Board of Education Standards of Learning for Digital Integration (2020), as amended.~~

Related Links

School Board ~~Policy 6-64~~ Acceptable Use

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