

# USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES IN INSTRUCTION

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**Purpose:** To establish the board's vision and the basic structure for the use of technology resources in instruction.

The Internet can provide a vast collection of educational resources for students and employees. It is a global network that makes it impossible to control all available information. Because information appears, disappears and changes constantly, it is not possible to predict or control what students may locate. The school district makes no guarantees as to the accuracy of information received on the Internet. Although students will be under teacher supervision while on the network, it is not possible to constantly monitor individual students and what they are accessing on the network. Some students might encounter information that is not of educational value.

The board recognizes that the district's technology resources provides a valuable means of access, transfer and communication of information that is essential to today's learning environment. The board is supportive of the responsible use and provision of technology resources to promote learning and expand educational resources for students, faculty and staff.

## **Accessing inappropriate sites**

Student Internet activities will be monitored by the district to ensure students are not accessing inappropriate sites that have visual depictions that include obscenity, child pornography or are harmful to minors. The school district will use technology protection measures to protect students from inappropriate access.

The district will provide reasonable notice of and hold at least one public hearing or meeting to address and communicate its Internet safety measures.

## **Reporting**

District and school computer technicians who are working with a computer and come across sexually explicit images of children must report this to local law enforcement. The report must include the name and address of the owner or person in possession of the computer.

In order to ensure that technology resources are used in a manner consistent with district objectives and appropriate to the educational environment, the board authorizes the superintendent or his/her designee to prepare appropriate administrative rule(s) and other guidelines for implementing this policy and for reviewing and evaluating its effect on instruction, student achievement, employees and other aspects of the school environment. Such rule(s) will set forth that the use of district technology resources is a privilege, rather than a right, that may be revoked where users (including students, faculty and staff) fail to comply with applicable school or district policies, rules or procedures.

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## Online behavior

The district will educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response. The superintendent or his/her designee will develop a program to educate students on these issues.

## Off-campus conduct

Students, parents/legal guardians, teachers and staff members should be aware that the district may take disciplinary actions for conduct initiated and/or created off-campus involving the inappropriate use of the Internet or web-based resources if such conduct poses a threat or substantially interferes with or disrupts the work and discipline of the schools, including discipline for student harassment and bullying.

Adopted"

### Legal references:

- A. Federal law:
  - i) 47 USC Section 254(h) -Children's Internet Protection Act.
  - ii) The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, Section 512 -Limitations on liability relating to material online.
- B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
  - i) Section 10-1-205 -Computers in public libraries; regulation of Internet access.
  - ii) Section 16-3-850 -Encountering child pornography while processing film or working on a computer.
  - iii) Section 16-15-305 -Disseminating, procuring or promoting obscenity unlawful; definitions; penalties; obscene material designated contraband.
  - iv) Section 59-19-90 -General powers and duties of school trustees.
- C. Court cases:
  - i) Pordham v. Fairfax Co. Sch. Bd., 637 F.3d 421, 427 (4th Cir. 2011).