

# Acceptable Use Policy Update

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## 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 board recognizes that as telecommunications and other new technologies shift the ways that information may be accessed, communicated and transferred by members of the society, those changes may also alter instruction and student learning. The board generally supports access by students to information resources along with the development by staff of appropriate skills to analyze and evaluate such resources. In a free and democratic society, access to information is a fundamental right of citizenship.

Telecommunications, electronic information sources and networked services significantly alter the information landscape for schools by opening classrooms to a broader array of resources. In the past, instructional and library media materials could usually be screened prior to use. Telecommunications, because they may lead to any publicly available fileserver in the world, will open classrooms to electronic information resources that have not been screened by educators for use by students of various ages.

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.

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others.

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. While student use will be monitored and supervised, students will be allowed independent utilization of telecommunications and electronic information resources upon submission of permission forms and agreement forms by parents of minor students (under 18

years of age) and by students themselves. The school district will use technology protection measures to protect students from inappropriate access.

**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.**

The board authorizes the superintendent to prepare appropriate procedures for implementing this policy and for reviewing and evaluating its effect on instruction and student achievement.

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Legal references:

A. Federal law:

1. **47 USC Section 254(h) - Children's Internet Protection Act.**
2. 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:

1. **Section 16-3-850 - Encountering child pornography while processing film or working on a computer.**

**Lee County School District**  
**Employee Internet and Email Policy**  
**(To be filed in the school)**

**Overview**

The Lee County School District recognizes the value of computer and other electronic resources to improve student learning and enhance the administration and operation of its schools. The Lee County School District Department of Technology encourages the responsible use of computers; computer networks, including the Internet; and other electronic resources in support of the mission and goals of the district and its schools. Employees are encouraged to use telecommunications to explore educational topics, conduct research and communicate with others in a professional capacity. Access to Networked Information Resources is a privilege extended to employees for educational purposes.

**Acceptable Use**

Acceptable use is always ethical, reflects honesty, and shows restraint in the consumption of shared resources. Access to computer systems and networks owned by the Lee County School District imposes certain responsibilities and obligations on users and is subject to Lee County School District policies and local, state, and federal laws. Use of other networks or computing resources must comply with the rules governing those networks owned or operated by the Lee County School District.

**Email\Internet Monitoring**

The Lee County School Districts accepts that the use of the Internet and email is a valuable business tool. In order to ensure compliance with this policy, the district reserves the right to use monitoring software in order to check upon the use and content of emails. Lee County School district subscribes to an Internet Filtering System as required by CIPA (The Children's Internet Protection Act) to filter out contents considered unacceptable for educational use. Misuse of these resources may result in revoked access or disciplinary actions.

**Lee County School District Employees**

As a condition of a user's right to access the Internet at school, an employee must agree to use the Internet as described below:

1. I shall use the Internet for legitimate educational purposes with the permission of a staff member.
2. I understand that the school is not responsible for information acquired over the Internet.
3. I will not attempt to examine or acquire inappropriate language or graphics. If I should find materials inappropriate for a school setting, I will leave that site immediately.

4. I will not download, copy, or share inappropriate material with others.
5. I will protect myself and others by not issuing any names, addresses, telephone numbers, or any personal identifying information.
6. I will not damage any hardware or software that will disrupt the network.
7. I will not engage in 'hacking' or any unlawful activity on the Internet.
8. I will report any problems or breaches of these responsibilities to the appropriate staff member.

I have read, understand, and will abide by the Lee County School District Internet and Email Policy. I further understand that any violation of this policy is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and I may be subject to other disciplinary actions prescribed by law or School Board Policy. I understand that one of my duties will be to monitor student use of the Networked Information Resources during periods of classroom access. I also clearly understand that it is my responsibility to closely monitor students while they are accessing the Internet.

Employee's Full Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Students Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

The Lee County School District users will abide by the following policy. All users should be aware of the public nature of information: privacy cannot be assumed.

As a condition of a user's right to access the Internet at school, a student must agree to use the Internet as described below:

9. I shall use the Internet for legitimate educational purposes with the permission of a staff member.
10. I understand that the school is not responsible for information acquired over the Internet.
11. I will not attempt to examine or acquire inappropriate language or graphics. If I should find materials inappropriate for a school setting, I will leave that site immediately.
12. I will not download, copy, or share inappropriate material with others.
13. I will protect myself and others by not issuing any names, addresses, telephone numbers, or any personal identifying information.
14. I will not damage any hardware or software that will disrupt the network.
15. I will not engage in 'hacking' or any unlawful activity on the Internet.
16. I will report any problems or breaches of these responsibilities to the appropriate staff member.

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the conditions stated above and will adhere to these conditions. I understand that failure to adhere to these conditions may result in disciplinary actions and/or revoked access to network resources.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I give my child permission to use the Internet for educational purposes and will encourage him/her to adhere to the conditions stated above.

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Parent Signature

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Date