

Policy IFBGAA: Internet and Computer Safety Policy

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Internet Safety Policy

Introduction

It is the policy of Jackson County School District to: (a) prevent user, staff and student, access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Access to Inappropriate Material

A technology protection measure, Internet filter, shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

Inappropriate Network Usage

Steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users, staff and students, of the Jackson County School District online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Penalties for Improper Use

Failure to adhere to network policies and rules may subject users, staff and students, to warnings, usage restrictions, disciplinary actions, or legal proceedings.

Organizational Responsibility and Privacy

1. The Jackson County School District does not warrant network functionality or accuracy of information
2. The Jackson County School District does not warrant the effectiveness of Internet filtering
3. The privacy of system users, staff and students, is limited.

District ~~Technology~~ Acceptable/~~Appropriate Computer/Network/Internet~~ Use Policy (AUP)

All Jackson County School District employees and students shall follow the guidelines established in the district AUP.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Jackson County School District staff to educate, supervise, and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measure shall be the responsibility of the technology director or designated representatives. Each school will have a designated representative to provide age-appropriate training for students who use the school's Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the school's commitment to:

1. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the district Internet Safety Policy;

2. Student safety with regard to:
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 - a. Safety on the Internet;
 - b. Appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms; and
 - c. Cyberbullying awareness and response.
 - Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

Following receipt of this training, the student will acknowledge that he/she received the training, understood it, and will follow the provisions of the District's acceptable/appropriate use policy (AUP).
