

**Policy GABBA: Social Media Websites**

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## **SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES**

All employees, faculty, and staff shall observe the following while participating in any social media websites or applications:

1. Access of social media websites for individual use during school hours is prohibited.
2. Employees, faculty, and staff shall not friend students on any social media platforms.
3. Employees, faculty, and staff shall not give social media passwords to students.
  
4. Employees, faculty, and staff are solely responsible for the security of their social media accounts.
5. Employees, faculty, and staff are solely responsible for the content that is posted on their social media accounts at all times.
6. Employees, faculty, and staff shall NEVER use their personal social media accounts in any way purporting to be or speaking for the Jackson County School District.

Fraternization via the internet between employees, faculty or staff and students is prohibited and in violation of standards of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics. Communications with both students and parents shall be done in person, over the telephone, through standard mail, and/or through email. Social media shall never be used and is not an appropriate form of communication.

Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

Nothing in this policy prohibits employees, faculty, staff or students from the use of educational websites, since educational sites are used solely for educational purposes.