

ACCEPTABLE TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM AND INFRASTRUCTURE USE

The Martinsville City School Board provides a technology system and infrastructure, including the Internet, to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. The term technology system and infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, hardware, software, data, communication lines and devices, terminals, printers, CD-ROM devices, tape or flashdrives, servers, mainframe and personal computers, laptops, tablets, cellular phones, smart telephones, the Internet, other internal or external networks, and new technologies as they become available.

All use of the school division's technology system and infrastructure must be (1) in support of education and/or research, or (2) for legitimate school business. Use of the technology system and infrastructure is a privilege, not a right. Any communication or material generated using the technology system and infrastructure, including electronic mail, instant or text messages, tweets, or other files deleted from a user's account, may be monitored, read, and/or archived by school officials.

The Division Superintendent shall establish administrative procedures, for the School Board's approval, containing the appropriate uses, ethics and protocol for the technology system and infrastructure. The procedures shall include:

- (1) a prohibition against use by division employees and students of the division's computer equipment and communications services for sending, receiving, viewing or downloading illegal material via the Internet;
- (2) provisions, including the selection and operation of a technology protection measure for the division's computers having Internet access to filter or block Internet access through such computers, that seek to prevent access to
 - (a) child pornography as set out in Va. Code § 18.2-374.1:1 or as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256;
 - (b) obscenity as defined by Va. Code § 18.2-372 or 18 U.S.C. § 1460; and
 - (c) material that the school division deems to be harmful to juveniles as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-390, material that is harmful to minors as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(7)(G), and material that is otherwise inappropriate for minors;
- (3) provisions establishing that the technology protection measure is enforced during any use of the school division's computers;
- (4) provisions establishing that all usage of the technology system and infrastructure may be monitored;
- (5) provisions designed to educate students and employees about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with students and other individuals on social networking websites, blogs, in chatrooms and cyberbullying awareness and response;

- (6) provisions designed to prevent unauthorized online access by minors, including “hacking” and other unlawful online activities;
- (7) provisions prohibiting the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of photographs and/or personal information of or regarding minors;
- (8) a component of Internet safety for students that is integrated in the division’s instructional program; and
- (9) procedures for the use of approved personal devices used in support of the division’s mission.

Use of the school division’s the technology system and infrastructure shall be consistent with the educational or instructional mission or administrative function of the division as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities and developmental levels of students.

The division’s the technology system and infrastructure is not a public forum.

Each School Board employee, student, and parent/guardian of each student shall sign the Acceptable Technology and Infrastructure System Use Agreement(IIBEA/GAB-A1) before using the division’s the technology system and infrastructure. The failure of any student or School Board employee to follow the terms of the Agreement, this policy, or accompanying regulation may result in loss of technology system and infrastructure privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

The School Board is not responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged or unavailable when using the technology system and infrastructure or for any information retrieved via the Internet. Furthermore, the School Board will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the technology system and infrastructure.

The School Board will review, amend if necessary, and approve this policy every two years.

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47 U.S.C. § 254

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 18.2-372, 18.2-374.1:1, 18.2-390, 22.1-70.2, and 22.1-78

Cross Refs.: GCPD Professional Staff Discipline
JFC Student Conduct
JFC-R Standards of Student Conduct