

The Board of Education is committed to the development and establishment of a quality electronic communications system. In making this provision, it is the responsibility of the Columbia County Board of Education to provide and enforce a policy of Internet safety that includes measures to block or filter Internet access for both minors and adults to certain visual depictions. These include visual depictions that are:

1. Obscene as defined in O.C.G.A. 16-12-80(b)
2. Child pornography as defined in 18 U.S.C. SEC. 2256
3. Harmful to minors as defined in 47 U.S.C. SEC. 254(h)(7)

The superintendent will certify that the school system has adopted and implemented an Internet safety policy addressing:

1. Access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and world wide web;
2. The safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
3. Unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking", and other unlawful activities by minors online;
4. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and,
5. Measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to them.

An authorized person(s) designated by the superintendent may disable the blocking or filtering measure during any use by an adult to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

The superintendent will certify that the school system's policy of Internet safety includes monitoring the online activities of minors.

REFERENCE: POLICY IFA

PROCEDURE: YES

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