

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Technology Infrastructure

Student Use of FCPS Network and Internet Resources

This policy supersedes Policy 6401.1.

I. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for student access and use of FCPS network and Internet resources (hereafter “network resources”).

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

The title block category for this policy changed from Knowledge Asset Management to Technology Infrastructure.

III. GUIDELINES

The School Board recognizes its responsibility to provide a safe learning environment that stimulates intellectual curiosity. As such, in providing student access to network resources for educational purposes, FCPS:

- A. Shall educate students to be responsible, independent, and effective users of these network resources.
- B. Shall provide reasonable protection from inappropriate Internet content. Inappropriate content includes content known to be obscene, harmful to juveniles, or child pornography (as defined in the Code of Virginia) and content known to promote, encourage, or provide the skills to commit illegal criminal activities (in accordance with FCPS Student Responsibilities and Rights).
- C. Shall prohibit students from knowingly accessing inappropriate Internet content.
- D. Should not arbitrarily restrict student access to content that may support the Program of Studies or other educational purposes.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

In meeting the School Board’s expectations, the school division should:

- A. Provide information for school staff members and parents to promote a consistent and accurate understanding of the appropriate use of network resources.
- B. Educate students and staff members on personal safety practices and effective techniques for identifying and evaluating information and its sources. By way of illustration, personal safety practices include practices that would deter the release of

personal student information and meetings with anyone to whom a student corresponded online without the permission of a responsible adult.

- C. Integrate responsible use of network resources and technology into appropriate curricula.
- D. Make and enforce such rules of conduct necessary to foster appropriate student use of network resources. By way of illustration, such rules would prohibit deliberate attempts to disrupt computer and network resources, modify or delete files owned by other users, use another user's computer or network account and password, or violate student privacy.
- E. Develop instructional and technological strategies to provide students with reasonable protection from inappropriate Internet content.
- F. Establish procedures for schools to provide student access to restricted materials.

The Superintendent is authorized to promulgate regulations to implement these expectations and responsibilities.

Legal Reference: Code of Virginia, Sections 18.2-372, 18.2-374.1:1, 18.2-390

See also the current versions of:

Policy 2601P, Responsibilities and Rights of Students
Regulation 6410, Appropriate Use of Fairfax County Public Schools' Network and Internet Resources

Policy

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