

The school system maintains an electronic network (EN) that includes local and wide-area networks as well as access to world-wide networks such as Internet. Access to the EN, as well as the hardware and software that support access, are the property of the school system, and shall be used solely in support of the school system's instructional and administrative programs. Use of this property is a privilege that may be discontinued at any time. The existing FCSFACULTY and FCSSTUDENTS wireless networks are exclusively intended for employees and students using FCS-IT standard, approved computers and mobile devices. The FCSGUEST wireless network provides non-FCS employees, guests and visitors access to the EN while visiting FCS locations.

All use of the EN should be consistent with the school system's goal to promote educational excellence. The EN should be used only in a responsible, ethical and lawful manner in ways that contribute to communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. Any unauthorized use of the EN or any failure to comply with the local and systemwide provisions relating to use of the EN will be grounds for loss of EN access and other disciplinary and/or legal action.

School principals and department heads shall be responsible for monitoring all use of the EN at their facilities. Student access to the EN shall be under the supervision of a teacher or other appropriate staff member. There is currently no charge for access to the EN when used in accordance with Board policy and procedures. Each school may set its own policies for allowing Guest access to the EN by PTAs, booster organizations, school volunteers and other parents. All such use must be in support of the school system's educational mission.

**Internet Safety:**

(a) The Superintendent shall, with respect to any computers belonging to the school system and having access to the Internet:

1. insure that a qualifying "technology protection measure," as that term is defined in section 1703(b)(1) of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000, is installed and in continuous operation; and
2. institute, maintain and enforce procedures or guidelines which provide for monitoring the online activities of users and the use of the chosen technology protection measure to prevent access to visual depictions that are (i) obscene, (ii)

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child pornography, or (iii) "harmful to minors," as that term is defined in section 1721(c) of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000.

3. Insure that measures are in place to support order FCC 11-125 which requires that a school's Internet safety policy provide for the education of minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites, blogs, wikis, discussion boards and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response.

(b) The Superintendent shall, with respect to access to the Internet by or through computers, networks or other devices belonging to the school system, institute, maintain and enforce procedures or guidelines which:

1. provide for monitoring a school's Internet safety policy to ensure it provides for the education of minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites, blogs, wikis, discussion boards and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response.
2. provide for monitoring the online activities of users to limit, to the extent practicable, access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and the World Wide Web;
3. are designed to promote the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
4. are designed to prevent unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unauthorized activities by minors online;
5. are designed to prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors;
6. are designed to restrict minors' access to materials "harmful to minors," as that term is defined in section 1721(c) of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000.

While this Act specifically references minors, the protections listed above should apply to all users of the school system network.

**Acceptable Use Agreement for use of Fulton County Schools Electronic Networks and Computers**

Regardless of the access provided, all users of Fulton County Schools' electronic networks and computers must complete an Acceptable Use Agreement prior to use of the school's electronic networks and computers each school year. This includes, but is not limited to teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, clerical staff, maintenance and facilities staff, technology staff, vendors, students, parents and volunteers.

**Cross References:**

IFBGB (1) Operating Guidelines - Computer, Internet E-Mail, Electronic Networks and Password Management

IFBGB (2) Operating Guidelines - Acceptable Use for Local/Wide Area Network and Internet Access – Elementary

IFBGB (3) Operating Guidelines - Acceptable Use of Local/Wide Area Network and Internet Access - High Schools and Middle Schools

**Legal Reference:** Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000

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