

## **MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT: County Policy IFBG Acceptable Use Policy**

It is the belief of the Madison County School District that the use of technology, including the Internet and electronic communication, in instructional programs is an educational strategy which facilitates communication, innovation, resource sharing, and access to information. Use of the Internet must be in support of education and research, and consistent with the educational mission, goals, and objectives of the school district.

It shall be the policy of the Madison County Board of Education that the school district shall have in continuous operation, with respect to any device while on campus and belonging to the school district and having access to the Internet:

1. A qualifying "technology protection measure," as that term is defined in Section 1703(b) (1) of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000; and
2. Procedures or guidelines developed by the superintendent, administrators and/or other appropriate personnel which provide for monitoring the online activities of users and the use of the chosen technology protection measure to protect against access through such computers to visual depictions that are (i) obscene, (ii) child pornography, or (iii) harmful to minors, as those terms are defined in Section 1703(b) (1) and (2) of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000. Such procedures or guidelines shall be designed to:
  - a) Provide for monitoring the online activities of users to prevent, to the extent practicable, access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and the World Wide Web;
  - b) Promote the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
  - c) Prevent unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unauthorized activities by minors online;
  - d) Prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and
  - e) Restrict minors' access to materials "harmful to minors," as that term is defined in Section 1703(b) (2) of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000.

Employees and students having access to district devices, networks, and network resources including the Internet and electronic communication shall comply with the district's acceptable and responsible use guidelines. The district reserves the right to monitor, access, and disclose the contents of any user's files, activities, or communications. District devices used off-campus have no protective measure and are unfiltered. Parents/guardians are fully responsible for monitoring online user activity which occurs off-campus.

Access to district devices, networks, and network resources including the Internet and electronic communication, is a privilege, not a right. Users who violate the Madison County Board of Education's acceptable and responsible use policy are subject to disciplinary action.

The Madison County Board of Education reserves the right to monitor all devices and network use. Users will be aware there is no expectation of privacy when using district devices, networks, and network resources including the Internet and electronic communication.

All district policies and guidelines including what is considered acceptable and responsible use can be found online at <https://www.madison.k12.ga.us/curriculum-instruction/information-technology/>.