Policy IFBG: Internet Acceptable Use

Bibb County School District

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Internet services will be made available to all schools with the following goals in mind:

- To promote educational excellence for the advancement and promotion of learning and teaching by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication within our community, state, nation and global learning environment.
- To support research and education in and among academic institutions in the world by providing access
 to unique resources supplemental to the Media Center resources, and provide the opportunity for
 collaborative work.
- To stimulate personal growth in information-gathering techniques, critical thinking skills and communication skills, to significantly expand each user's knowledge base and to promote intellectual inquiry and awareness of global diversity through worldwide communication & exploration.
- To assist students in developing the intellectual skills needed to discriminate among information sources and to evaluate and use information to meet educational goals as posed to the student by the instructor.

The School District shall implement technology protection measures (i.e., an internet filtering mechanism) to block or filter, to the extent practicable, student and adult internet access to visual depictions that are defined by applicable law as obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. Additionally, in the discretion of the Superintendent or designee thereof, such technology protection measures may be configured to preserve bandwidth and/or protect against access to other inappropriate content. The Superintendent or designee thereof may only disable the technology protection measure, during use by an adult, to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

The Superintendent is authorized and directed to implement regulations or procedures to monitor the online activities of students, respond to complaints about over-blocking or under-blocking of internet content and educate students about appropriate online behavior. Such educational programming shall specifically address issues related to cyberbullying and online interactions on social networking websites and in chat rooms. In addition, such regulations or procedures shall also address:

- 1. Access by minors to inappropriate content through the internet.
- 2. The safety and security of minors when using email, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication.
- 3. Unauthorized access (e.g., hacking) and other unlawful online activities.
- 4. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.
- 5. Measures designed to restrict minor's access to materials defined by applicable law as "harmful to minors".

The Superintendent is further authorized and directed to establish regulations or guidelines establishing standards for the acceptable use of School District technology resources, including penalties for violations of those standards.