



## Internet safety

Access to telecommunications and technology resources, including, but not limited to, the internet, is intended to provide resources and tools for research, communication, and innovation for our students and staff.

City Schools of Decatur (CSD) shall take reasonable steps to (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via the internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized use of CSD network resources, (c) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (d) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of confidential, sensitive, and/or personally identification information of minors; and (e) comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (47 U.S.C. § 254(h) and (l)) and the Protecting Children in the Twenty First Century Act.

### **Access to Inappropriate Materials**

The Information Services Department shall use a qualifying “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 defined by the Children’s Internet Protection Act. Subject to staff supervision, the technology protection measure may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

### **Inappropriate, Unauthorized, and Illegal Network**

#### **Resource Use**

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the CSD computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, collaboration tools, and other forms of direct electronic communications. All staff and student users of the CSD computer network shall be required to acknowledge and abide by an Acceptable Use Policy, developed by the Executive Director of Information Services or their designee, that identifies proscribed behavior when using network resources.

### **Unauthorized Intrusion and Information Disclosure**

The Information Services Department shall use technical resources and training to ward against unauthorized intrusion into the CSD computer network and/or disclosure of confidential, sensitive, and/or personally identifiable information of minors.



## **Education**

CSD will educate staff and students on internet safety and appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyber-bullying awareness and response. Education may be provided through, but not limited to, such means as professional development training and materials to employees, student handbook materials, the district website, parent group presentations, parent/teacher conferences, classroom curriculum, and community outreach opportunities.

## **Supervision and Monitoring**

It is the responsibility of all staff to supervise and monitor student usage of computers and access to the internet in accordance with this regulation and the Children's Internet Protection Act. Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director of Information Services or their designee.

## **Personally-Owned Equipment**

Some City Schools of Decatur sites might offer students the opportunity to participate in a Bring Your Learning Device (BYLD) program. The Executive Director of Information Services shall develop a means reasonably likely to notify parents/guardians and students eligible to participate in a BYLD program of their responsibilities if they choose to participate in such a program. Students participating in a BYLD program are bound by this regulation, the Acceptable Use Policy, and any BYLD Terms of Use when using their personally-owned equipment on CSD property or at school or school-related functions, including times the device is not connected to the CSD network.

At the discretion of the Executive Director of Information Services, or their designee, City Schools of Decatur employees' and guests' personally-owned equipment may be provided access to the CSD network. Such access is not a warranty that their device shall receive technology or network support, and access to the CSD network may be revoked for any reason without prior notification. CSD employees are required to abide by this and other administrative regulations, CIPA, and other related laws when using their personally-owned equipment on CSD property and at CSD-related activities, including times when the device is not connected to the CSD network.

Questions about this regulation should be directed to the Executive Director of Information Services.

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*Related Board Policy: 4.1(D)*



## **City Schools of Decatur Administrative Regulation**

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