

# TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision and the basic structure for the use of technology resources in instruction, administrative use, and to articulate the acceptable use of district technology resources.

Technology is a vital part of education and the curriculum of Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five. In an effort to promote learning and expand educational resources for students, the District has made arrangements to provide Network access to students and staff. The District's goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, communication, and innovation. Access to the Network, an "electronic highway" connecting millions of computer users all over the world, will allow District students and staff the opportunity to communicate with others on a global level and access educational materials worldwide.

Access to the Network is a privilege, not a right. With this privilege, there also is a responsibility to use the Network solely for educational purposes and not to access inappropriate materials unsuitable for students. The District administration is directed to develop appropriate guidelines governing the use of district and personal computing devices when utilizing district-provided Network resources.

As part of the implementation of the administration's guidelines, students and staff must be instructed on the appropriate use of the Network. In addition, parents/legal guardians must sign a permission form to allow students to have access the Network. Students must also sign a form acknowledging that they have read and understand the Technology Acceptable Use policy and administrative regulations and assuring that they will comply with the policy, regulations and understand the consequences of violating the policy or regulations. District staff must sign a similar acknowledgment form before they will be allowed to access the Network. Inappropriate use by any person will not be tolerated.

## **Accessing inappropriate sites**

Student Network activities will be monitored by the District to ensure students are not accessing inappropriate sites that have audio and/or visual depictions that include obscenity, child pornography, or are harmful to minors (i.e. cyber bullying, harassment, discriminatory attacks, etc.).

The District will provide reasonable notice of and at least one public hearing or meeting to address and communicate its Network safety measures.

District and school computer technicians who are working with a computer and come across sexually explicit images of children must report this to respective district/ school officials.

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Legal references:

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### **A. Federal law:**

1. 47 USC Section 254(h) - Children's Network Protection Act.
2. The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, Section 512 - Limitations on liability relating to material online.

### **B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:**

1. Section 10-1-205 - Computers in public libraries; regulation of Network access.
2. Section 16-3-850 - Encountering child pornography while processing film or working on a computer.
3. Section 16-15-305 - Disseminating, procuring or promoting obscenity unlawful; definitions; penalties; obscene material designated contraband.