

The Cherokee County Board of Education is committed to providing opportunities for students and staff to participate in learning experiences via various electronic technologies. Accordingly, the Internet, a global electronic information infrastructure, is recognized as an important educational resource.

Information gathered by students and staff via the Internet will be related to the educational purposes of enhancing the teaching program and student achievement, providing support for instructional and curricular goals and assisting students in the attainment of skills necessary to continue their development as life-long learners in a technologically advanced world.

The Internet is viewed as a fluid environment in which information available to students is constantly changing. Therefore, the School District believes that it is impossible to predict with certainty what information students might locate. The electronic information available to students does not imply endorsement by the School District of the content.

### **INTERNET SAFETY**

- A. The Superintendent will, with respect to any electronic devices belonging to the School District and/or 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 (CIPA), 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) child pornography, or (iii) “harmful to minors,” as that term is defined in section 1721 (c) of CIPA.
  
- B. The Superintendent will, with respect to access to the Internet by or through computers, networks or other devices belonging to the School District institute, maintain and enforce procedures or guidelines which:
  - 1. provide for monitoring the online activities of users to limit, to the extent practicable, access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet; and,
  - 2. are designed to promote the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, and other forms of direct electronic communications; and,
  - 3. are designed to prevent unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking,” and other unauthorized activities by minors online; and,

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4. are designed to prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and, as that term is defined in section 1302 of the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA); and,
  5. are designed to restrict minors’ access to materials “harmful to minors,” as that term is defined in section 1721 (c) of (CIPA); and,
  6. provide for students age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms and other Internet services, behavior that may constitute cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying.
- C. Students are not allowed to access Web-based content using their carrier’s Broadband signal or by any manner other than connecting through the wireless connection provided by the School District at any time during the school day or while on school campus. Mobile “hotspots” are also not allowed, unless provided or approved by the School District for student use and approved “hotspots” must include approved content filtering services.

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