

Descriptor Term: Internet Safety/Acceptable Use Policy	Descriptor Code: IJNDB	Issued Date: 06/28/2012
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Introduction

It is the policy of Spartanburg County School District Six to: (a) prevent use of its computer network to access or transmit inappropriate material via the internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communication;(b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures shall be used to block or filter access to inappropriate information through the internet or other forms of electronic communication.

Blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed to be obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors.

Subject to supervision of authorized staff, technology protection measures may be temporarily disabled for adults to conduct valid educational research or for other lawful purposes not otherwise inconsistent with this acceptable use policy.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of any Spartanburg School District Six online computer network when using electronic mail and other forms of direct electronic communication.

Prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking”, and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.

Education, Supervision, and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all district employees to educate, supervise, and monitor appropriate use of the online computer network and access of the internet in accordance with this policy and all applicable laws, including without limitation CIPA, the Neighborhood Children’s Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Director of Technology or the Director’s designee.

The Director of Technology or the Director's designee(s) shall provide age-appropriate training for students who use the district network. The training will be designed to promote the District's commitment to :

- a. The standards and acceptable use of internet service as set forth in Spartanburg School District Six policies;
- b. Student safety with regard to:
 1. safety on the internet;
 2. appropriate behavior while online, on social networking websites, and the like; and
 3. cyberbullying awareness and response.
- c. Compliance with E-Rate requirements of CIPA.

The Superintendent will establish and distribute guidelines for the acceptable use of the district network, including the Internet, to students and staff. These guidelines will be distributed through parent/student and staff handbooks. Students and staff will verify reception of a handbook.

This Internet Safety/Acceptable Use Policy is intended to be implemented in addition to, and not in lieu of, all other policies of the District relating to the acceptable use of the District network.

Adoption

This Internet Safety/Acceptable Use policy was adopted by the Board of Spartanburg County School District Six at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on June 28, 2012.

Legal References:

47 U.S. Code Section 254(h)

18 U.S. Code Sections 1460,2246,2256

S.C. Code Section 10-1-205