

4.58 USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND NETWORKS: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Electronic network facilities; i.e., computers, electronic mail, conferences, bulletin boards, data bases, and access to the Internet, referred to as “the network”, are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with the mission of the School District of Clay County.

Information retrieval from the network shall be deemed in the same manner as information retrieval from reference materials. Use shall be made of resources, with guidance from faculty and staff, which will enhance the learning environment. At the school, student access to and use of the network will be under teacher direction and monitored by a School Board employee as any other classroom activity. Web filtering tools that screen incoming text and graphics shall be utilized to restrict user access to material that is consistent with the standards of selection of materials specified in Florida Statutes and with the educational mission, goals, and policies of the school district.

Network users must adhere to strict guidelines known as Terms and Conditions for Use of Telecommunications and Networks that have been developed by the district committee and documented in the ~~Procedures Manual for Instructional Technology~~ Manual for Instructional Technology Use. A copy of the Terms and Conditions shall be distributed to parents and students in the Student Code of Conduct. A copy shall be distributed to district employees in the Employee Handbook. If a district user unacceptably violates any of these provisions, future access to the network will be denied. In addition, serious violations may result in disciplinary action or legal action in accordance with Clay County policies. Signature on the Code of Student Conduct acknowledgement or the Employee Network Responsibility Contract is an obligation to comply with the terms and conditions. Failure to return the acknowledgement or Employee Contract will not relieve a student, parent or employee from responsibility to know the contents and will not excuse non-compliance.

The School District of Clay County is subject to Florida Statutes regarding public information access. The guidelines are adopted and incorporated by reference in this rule.

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