

The purpose of the INTERNET service is to provide professional learning participants, employees, and students access to the INTERNET to (1) enhance delivery of education; (2) provide access to career and professional learning activities; and (3) allow for limited high-quality self-discovery.

Everyone that uses the INTERNET has an obligation to use the technology in a manner specified by the Okefenokee RESA Board of Control.

Specifically, the agency supports resources that will enhance the learning environment. Any student with access to and use of the INTERNET at Okefenokee RESA, GLRS, and the Harrell Learning Center will be under staff direction and will be monitored, as in any other classroom activity.

The use of the INTERNET will reflect on the agency; therefore, employees, participants, and students are to guide their activities accordingly.

Internet Safety

It shall be the policy of the Okefenokee RESA Board of Control that the school district shall have in continuous operation, with respect to any computers belonging to the school having access to the Internet;

1. A qualifying “technology protection measure,” as that term is defined in Section 1703 (b)(1) of the Children’s Internet Protection Act of 2000; and
2. Procedures or guidelines developed by the Executive Director, administrators and/or other appropriate personnel which provide for monitoring the online activities of users and the use of the chosen 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 those terms are defined in Section 1703 (b)(1) and (2) of the Children’s Internet Protection Act of 2000. Such procedures or guidelines shall be designed to:
 - a. Provide for monitoring the online activities of users to prevent, to the extent practicable, access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and the World Wide Web;
 - b. Educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking website and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act;
 - c. Prevent unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking,” and other unauthorized activities by minors online;
 - d. Prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and
 - e. Restrict minors’ access to materials “harmful to minors,” as that term is defined in Section 1703(b)(2) of the Children’s Internet Protection Act of 2000.
 - f. Provide for students age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services,

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behaviors that may constitute cyber bullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyber bullying.

Expectations

It is expected that users will comply with agency rules and standards. The use of the network is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if abused. The users are personally responsible for their action in accessing and utilizing computer resources.

The Internet Acceptable Use Policy prohibits the use of the INTERNET for the purpose of purchasing products or services unless approved by the Executive Director. The district will not be responsible for financial obligations arising from the unauthorized use of the INTERNET.

INTERNET Activities That Are Not Permissible (Once/quarter random check of site visits)
The following practices shall be prohibited:

1. searching, viewing or retrieving materials that are not related to the agency's stated educational purpose;
2. copying, saving or redistributing copyrighted material outside the guideline of "fair use" copyright law;
3. subscribing to any services or ordering goods or services;
4. sharing of student's home address, phone number or other personal identification;
5. playing games unless specifically assigned for a teaching/learning experience;
6. visiting/participating in chat rooms;
7. disrupting the use of the network;
8. any activity deemed unsuitable or undesirable by the local administrator;
9. any activity that violates an agency rule or local, state or federal law;
10. attempting to read, alter, delete, or copy files or electronic messages belonging to other users;
11. using the Internet for financial gain or any commercial activity not directly related to the goals of Okefenokee RESA;
12. attempting to use the password or account of another person, or use a computer while logged in under another user's name;
13. forwarding jokes or any other non-professional messages.

All users should also be advised that any other use which is not in keeping with the purpose as stated in this policy shall also be prohibited and result in disciplinary action. Violations may result in discipline up to and including dismissal.

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Publication of Materials

- The publication of any materials (email, web page, etc.) must contain the author's e-mail address.
 - Plagiarism is considered inappropriate and students, participants, and employees are to stay within the bounds of what is acceptable and the "fair use doctrine" of copyright law.
 - Copyright law prohibits the transfer of a work, in the form of digital data, without the explicit written consent from the creator of the work. No copyright notice or registration is required in order to be considered a copyrighted piece of work.
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Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Note: The State of Georgia has moved the Georgia Code. This new environment no longer allows us to link directly to the Georgia Code. For example enter 20-02-0211 in the search window and the Georgia Code will appear.

State Reference	Description
O.C.G.A 10-01-0912	Notification required upon breach of security regarding personal information
O.C.G.A 16-09-0090	Georgia Computer Systems Protection Act
O.C.G.A 16-09-0091	Computer Related Crime
O.C.G.A 16-09-0092	Definitions
O.C.G.A 16-09-0093	Computer crimes defined
O.C.G.A 16-09-0093.1	Misleading transmittal
O.C.G.A 16-09-0094	Violations
O.C.G.A 16-09-0122	Attempting or conspiring to attempt identity fraud
O.C.G.A 16-11-0037.1	Dissemination of information relating to terroristic acts
O.C.G.A 16-12-0100.1	Electronically furnishing obscene material to minors
O.C.G.A 16-12-0100.2	Computer or electronic pornography and child exploitation prevention
O.C.G.A 39-05-0002	Subscriber's control of minor's use of internet
O.C.G.A 39-05-0003	Immunity
O.C.G.A 39-05-0004	Internet safety report of certain information

Federal Reference	Description
15 USC 6501	Children's Online Privacy Protection Act - Definitions
15 USC 6502	Children's Online Privacy Protection Act - Collection and use of personal information from and about children on the Internet
15 USC 6503	Children's Online Privacy Protection Act - Safe harbors
20 USC 6777	Internet Safety
47 USC 254(h)(5)(B)(iii)	Universal Service

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