

GILMER COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM Staff Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

Internet users are expected to use the Internet as an educational resource. The following procedures and guidelines are used to help ensure appropriate use of the Internet at the Gilmer County School System.

Staff Expectations in Use of the Internet

- a. Staff shall not access material that is obscene, pornographic, child pornography, "harmful to minors", or otherwise inappropriate for educational uses.
- b. Staff shall not use school resources to engage in "hacking" or attempts to otherwise compromise system security.
- c. Staff shall not engage in any illegal or unethical activities on the Internet.
- d. Staff shall only use electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications for school-related purposes.
- e. Staff shall not disclose personal information, such as name, school, address, and telephone number outside of the school network.
- f. An employee's personal files, records and communications prepared and maintained or received on or using Gilmer County School Districts' technology, including e-mail, may be subject to disclosure under Georgia's Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. 50-18-70.
- g. Electronic mail is NOT private, and inappropriate or illegal messages will be reported to the authorities.

Disciplinary action may be determined in keeping with existing procedures and practices regarding inappropriate language or behavior. When and where applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

Enforcement of policy

- a. The Gilmer County School System uses a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access to block access to some Internet sites that are not in accordance with the policy of the Gilmer County School System.
- b. The technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access may be disabled by a Gilmer County School System staff member for bona fide research purposes by a staff member.
- c. A Gilmer County School System staff member may override the technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access for a staff member to access a site with legitimate educational value that is wrongly blocked by the technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access.
- d. All Gilmer County School System network use may be monitored by logging Internet use history, or other means to ensure enforcement of the policy.

The Gilmer County School System Staff Internet Acceptable Use Policy, Approved by the Gilmer County Board of Education, 02/12/2002

Approved 02/12/2002 Gilmer County Board of Education.

The signature on the attached agreement and application is legally binding and indicates that the party who signed has read the terms and conditions carefully and understands their significance.

I understand and will abide by the attached Terms and Conditions for Internet/Computer Usage, including electronic mail (e-mail), as listed in the Gilmer County Board of Education Policy IFBG, Internet Use. I further understand that any violation of the regulations listed in the stated policy may be unethical, a breach of The Code of Ethics for Educators, and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action may be initiated. Further, as a faculty member, I will instruct and monitor students on acceptable use of the Internet/computer.

Name: _____
(Please Print) (Last) (First) (MI)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ISSUED: 02/12/2002

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