Colquitt County School District
Network/Internet and Publication Information

Technology resources including school network access and Internet access are used in Colquitt County Schools as part of instructional activities. Colquitt County Schools takes every measure to protect students while using these resources as required and outlined by the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)]. A technology protection measure is in place to protect students while using these resources by blocking or filtering inappropriate websites at all schools. Students will be permitted to use these resources and will be expected to adhere to the Colquitt County Schools' Internet Acceptable Use Policy (Board Policy Descriptor Code: IFBG). Parents and students may access this policy by visiting the Colquitt County Schools online board policy manual at http://tinyurl.com/bmjxpzb or from your school office. The Acceptable Use Policy outlines best practices for school computer/technology use with specific emphasis on the following restricted activities:

- Using obscene language
- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Giving personal information, such as complete name, phone number, address or identifiable photo, without permission from teacher and parent or guardian
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging or modifying computers, computer systems, computer networks, or any school technology equipment
- Violating copyright laws
- Using others' passwords
- Trespassing in others' folder, work or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes, financial gain, or any methods deemed unlawful or unethical.

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action (Board policy and procedures on student rights and responsibilities).

In addition, Colquitt County Schools is committed to maintaining system and school websites that highlight the achievements of the faculty, staff, and students of all Colquitt County Schools by displaying photographs, videos, audio files, and/or student creations with possible student full name recognition. Students may also be asked to create accounts for educational websites. Parents or legal guardians of minor students (under 18 years of age) who wish to decline permission for his or her student to participate in instructional activities using these resources or who wish to decline permission to publish student photographs or student creations may complete the "Decline Internet Usage/Publication Form." These forms may be obtained from the Colquitt County Schools Technology Department website at http://colquitt.k12.ga.us/Departments/Technology/tabid/8783/Default.aspx or from the main office of each school. **The "Decline Internet Usage/Publication Form" must be submitted to the home school main office within 20 days of the beginning of school or first day student is enrolled.**

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