

Policy 690 – Acceptable Use of Technology by Visitors

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2nd reading

3rd reading

Statutory authority West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2460

Administrative Guidelines

(none)

The Board provides technology and information resources to support the educational and professional needs of its students and staff. However, there may arise situations where the furtherance of the Board's educational mission is served by providing individuals other than students and staff access to these resources, including but not limited to contractors; presenters of trainings, professional development, and other educational content; and visiting students and staff from other schools.

As West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2460 defines the acceptable use of technology for all students, staff, and visitors in West Virginia's K12 computer network and school facilities, the Board adopts this policy and incorporates it by reference here. The following provisions are intended to extend to local operation and in no way contradict or supplant WVBE Policy 2460.

The County's computer network and Internet system do not serve as a public access service or a public forum, and the Board imposes reasonable restrictions on its use consistent with its limited educational purpose.

The Superintendent may authorize individuals other than students and staff to temporarily access the County's technology and information resources for the purposes of a special event, meeting, or project, that has an educational or community purpose. Access shall not be provided for uses that would otherwise not be permitted on school premises, including but not limited to political activity, hate speech, and / or commercial activity. Authorization to use a county facility under Policy 611 shall not be understood to automatically grant access to the County's technology and information resources.

Individuals receiving access to the County's technology and information resources should have no expectation of privacy in their use of these resources. To ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, the use of these resources may be monitored, including but not limited to visual observations of online activities while using County resources or use of specific monitoring tools to review browser history and network, server, and computer logs. These individuals shall either be provided unique credentials to access these resources, if necessary, or access to a common "guest" account, but in no event shall individuals other than students and staff be permitted to use student or staff credentials to access these resources.

Individuals receiving access to the County's technology and information resources are responsible for good behavior when using County technology resources - i.e., behavior comparable to that expected of guests when they are in classrooms, school hallways, and other school premises and school-sponsored events. Individuals are personally responsible and liable, both civilly and criminally, for uses of County technology resources that are not authorized by this policy.

Individuals who disregard this policy may have their use privileges suspended or revoked. The Superintendent may take necessary action to suspend or prohibit the access to County technology and information resources of an individual or group, and may refer their actions to law enforcement if appropriate.

All individuals granted access to the County's technology and information resources shall, at least annually, receive a copy of this policy and acknowledge receipt and understanding of it by means of a written statement provided by the Superintendent.