

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE AND ACCEPTABLE USE OF ELECTRONIC RESOURCES, TECHNOLOGIES AND THE INTERNET**

In accordance with the WV Board of Education Policy 2460: *Educational Purpose and Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources, Technologies and the Internet* (2012), the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), and the Universal Service Fund for Schools and Libraries guidelines, the Ohio County Board of Education recognizes the powerful asset that the Internet and other electronics resources and technologies provide to classroom teachers. The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Access to the Internet and network resources will provide students and educators with electronic mail communication, information and news services, public domain and shareware of all types, discussion groups on a variety of subjects, and connections to many libraries, companies, agencies, and businesses.

With connections to computers and other electronic resources and technologies and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of appropriate educational value. On a global network, it is impossible to restrict access to controversial materials. It is the responsibility of the student, parent, teacher and administrator to ensure that access to telecommunication networks and computers provided by the school system is not abused.

The Ohio County Board of Education affirms and incorporates the WV Board of Education Policy 2460: *Educational Purpose and Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources, Technologies and the Internet* into its policy and directs the administration to develop a format for parents to be informed about the acceptable use of electronic resources, technologies and the Internet and the responsibility that students and parents and staff share with teachers to ensure they are used in an appropriate manner for educational purposes only.

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