

Williamson County Board of Education

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**STUDENT ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC
MEDIA**

1 The Board supports the right of students to have reasonable access to various information formats
2 and believes it incumbent upon students to use this privilege in an appropriate and responsible
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5 The Superintendent shall develop and implement appropriate procedures to provide guidance for
6 student access to electronic media. Guidelines shall address ethical use of electronic media (such
7 as internet) and issues of privacy versus administrative review of the electronic files and
8 communications and shall prohibit utilization of networks for prohibited or illegal activities, the
9 intentional spreading of embedded messages or the use of other programs with the potential of
10 damaging or destroying programs or data.
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13 Parental permission shall be required prior to the student being granted independent access to
14 electronic telecommunications, including the internet, involving district technological resources. The
15 required permission/agreement form, which shall specify acceptable uses, rules of on-line behavior,
16 access privileges and penalties for policy/procedural violations, must be signed by the parent/legal
17 guardian of minor students (those under 18 years of age) and also by the student as part of the
18 electronic registration process. This digital record of agreement shall be kept on file as a legal,
19 binding document. In order to modify or rescind the agreement, the student's parent/guardian (or
20 the student who is at least 18 years old) must provide the Superintendent with a written request.
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23 The Board will comply with the rules established by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
24 and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by completing the following tasks or showing
25 ongoing efforts to be in compliance with the following:
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- 27 1. Create and distribute an internet safety policy;
- 28 2. Disseminate and discuss the school system's internet safety policy at a public
29 meeting; and
- 30 3. Implement technology-blocking measures to prevent students from accessing
31 inappropriate material from all school computers.
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34 School officials shall apply the same criterion of educational suitability used to review other
35 educational resources when questions arise concerning access to specific databases or other
36 electronic media.
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38 The Board shall review and approve an Acceptable Use Guidelines for internet usage each year.
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Legal Reference:

T.C.A. §49-1-221

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