

# JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY JIAA: ACCEPTABLE USE AND INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

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## I. PURPOSE

With the spread of telecommunications throughout society, including the educational environment, the Board recognizes that students and employees will shift the way they access and transmit information, share ideas, and communicate with others. As schools and offices are connected to the global community, the use of new tools and technologies brings new responsibilities as well as opportunities. Network resources are intended for educational purposes and to carry out the legitimate business of the school district. The Board expects all users of the district's computing and network resources, including electronic mail and telecommunications tools, to utilize these resources appropriately.

## II. DEFINITIONS

### A. Child Pornography

The term "child pornography" has the meaning given such term in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code.

### B. Harmful to Minors

The term "harmful to minors" is defined by the Communications Act of 1934 (47 USC Section 254 [h][7]), as meaning any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

### C. Minor

The term "minor" means an individual who has not attained the age of 17.

### D. Obscene

The term "obscene" has the meaning given such term in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code.

### E.

F. Directory Information

The term “directory information” is defined by the Family Educational Rights and

Uses that cause harm to the district's computer, network, or equipment  
Examples include: installing software programs, instant messaging programs, altering system settings, or otherwise reconfiguring computers without approval of the appropriate personnel

5. Uses that are inconsistent with the purpose of the network and Internet  
Examples include: using Internet games, chat rooms, and instant messaging not specifically assigned by a teacher or administrator; downloading music or video files or any other files that are not directly related to a school assignment

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first obtaining the permission of a supervising teacher. If you are a minor, do not arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone you “meet” on the computer network or Internet without your parent’s permission. Regardless of your age, you should never agree to meet a person you have only communicated with online in a secluded place or in a private setting.

#### C. Hacking and Other Illegal Activities

It is a violation of this policy to use the district’s computer network or the Internet to gain unauthorized access to other computers or computer systems, ~~and not~~ gain such unauthorized access. Any use which violates state or federal law relating to copyright, trade secrets, the distribution of obscene or pornographic materials, or which violates any other applicable law or municipal ordinance, is strictly prohibited.

#### D. Confidentiality of Student Information

Personally identifiable information concerning minor students may not be disclosed or used in any way on the Internet without the permission of a parent or guardian, or for non-minors, without the person’s consent. Users should never give out private or confidential information about themselves or others on the Internet, ~~including~~ credit card numbers and social security numbers.

The schools or district may authorize the release of directory information, as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), for internal administrative purposes, approved educational projects, activities, and publications. As stipulated by FERPA, parents will be offered the opportunity to deny publication of directory information. Parents also will be given the opportunity to deny publication of non-directory information such as student work.

#### E. Active Restriction Measures

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that may be in violation of local, state, or federal laws will be reported to the appropriate law





