

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

To: Bibb County Board of Education, Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

From: Kevin Adams, Chief Information Officer and Sherry H. Culves, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP

Subject: Policy IFBG -Acceptable Use (**First Reading**)

Summary

The District is presenting Policy IFBG -Internet Acceptable Use for First Reading.

Background

Extensive revisions to Policy IFBG and Regulation IFBG- R(1) were required for compliance with Protecting Georgia's Children on Social Media Act (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-324). The Act requires the Board to adopt an acceptable use policy and regulations no later than October 1, 2025, to, at a minimum:

1. Prevent and prohibit any school equipment from being used for accessing, sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading obscene materials, child pornography, or material that is harmful to minors;
2. Establish appropriate measures to be taken by the District in response to:
 - a. Students and school employees who intentionally violate the acceptable-use policy, whether or not such student or school employee was, at the time of such violation, on school property, on a school bus or other school vehicle, at a school related function, or elsewhere, provided that such measures include disciplinary measures; and
 - b. Any person who is not a student or school employee who violates the acceptable-use policy, whether or not such person was, at the time of such violation, on school property, on a school bus or other school vehicle, at a school related function, or elsewhere;
3. Provide for administrative procedures to enforce the acceptable-use policy;
4. Provide for administrative procedures to address complaints regarding possible violations of the acceptable-use policy which, at a minimum, require that each complaint is responded to in writing by an appropriate school or local school system official; and

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5. Provide for expedited review and resolution of a claim that the application of the acceptable-use policy is denying a student or school employee access to material that is not within the prohibitions of the acceptable-use policy.

Beginning on October 15, 2025, and every year thereafter, the District must submit its policy to the State Board of Education for approval.

Consistent with the substance of the revisions, we recommend changing the name of the policy to IFBG - Acceptable Use as the policy addresses all use of school equipment, as that term is defined in the IFBG-R(1), and is not limited to “use of the Internet” as the title suggests.

Additionally, Technology Services has been working diligently to create a new Regulation IFBG-R(2), setting out expectations for District employee’s responsible use of generative artificial intelligence. The proposed regulation responds to employees’ request for guidance and specific issues raised.

Next Steps

The District will post revised Policy IFBG - Acceptable Use for First Reading, on Simbli to receive input from the Board members and stakeholders for 30 days. The policy will be brought to the next board meeting for second reading and final Board adoption and approval.

Superintendent’s Comments and Approval:

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Dr. Dan A. Sims	Approved