Standards for Computer Systems and Network Services

Standards for use of telecommunications and Internet technologies shall be adhered to by Prince William County Public Schools staff, students, and any other individuals who receive access to the PWCS network infrastructure and Internet and/or who develop and implement PWCS websites.

The purpose of such standards is to safeguard and facilitate access to technology and the transition of electronic information into effective teaching, learning, and school management. Such standards shall also promote communication, education, and information dissemination within the School Division and with the public.

Prince William County Public Schools shall protect the confidentiality and privacy of sensitive student and employee information contained on the PWCS website or any school or department website in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and School Board policies and regulations.

The Division Superintendent or designee shall develop regulations implementing this policy and federal and state requirements and shall integrate the Division’s Internet Safety procedures into the instructional program.

The Associate Superintendent for Communications and Technology Services (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this policy.

This policy and any related regulations shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.

Legal References: HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Action); CIPA (Children’s Internet Protection Act); PPRA (Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment); FERPA (Family Educational Rights Privacy Act of 1974); Va. Code §§ 22.1-287-289; Virginia Data Collection and Dissemination Act, Va. Code §§ 2.2-3801, et. seq.; Va. Code § 22.1-212.2:3; Acceptable Use Policies for Public and Private Schools; Va. Code § 22.1-70.2; Virginia Department of Education; Guidelines and Resources for Internet Safety in Schools

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