

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
45-2 Acceptable Use of Electronic Networked Resources & Internet Safety

APS considers the safe and appropriate use of the Internet and networked resources to be essential to the safety and welfare of the school division. Arlington Public Schools (APS) also supports the use and integration of technology to reach educational goals, including those defined by the Virginia Standards of Learning for Computer/Technology, the APS curricula, and the Technology Standards for Instructional Personnel (TSIPs). In support of these goals, the Arlington School Board provides access for students, faculty, and staff to a variety of technology-supported resources including the Internet. "Networked resources" includes, but is not limited to, the APS network, computer equipment, **tablets**, peripherals, databases, and applications.

~~All users accessing school system electronic networked resources, including the Internet, are expected to use these resources for instructional purposes or to conduct the business of the school division.~~ All APS students and staff members are prohibited from using the division's **technology** equipment and communication services for sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading illegal or inappropriate material ~~via the Internet~~. Students are prohibited from accessing materials that APS deems to be harmful as defined in Code 18.2-372 dealing with obscenity. Occasional ~~negligible~~ **minimal** personal use of ~~school computers~~ **APS technology equipment** by employees **during work hours** is permissible provided it does not interfere with the performance of employment related duties, or otherwise harm APS interests, but may be subject to further restrictions by appropriate school personnel. Under no circumstances may an employee use APS equipment to engage in any activity that is illegal or otherwise expressly prohibited, such as political activity or lobbying activity prohibited by law. All use shall be conducted in a thoughtful, considerate, responsible, and legal manner. **Student personal use of issued personalized devices is at the discretion of the classroom teacher and school administration at school, and the student's parent or legal guardian when the student takes the device home.**

Arlington Public Schools maintains a filtering system for its computers that access the Internet for purposes of filtering or blocking child pornography as set out in the Code of Virginia 18.2-374.1:1, and obscenity as defined in Code 18.2-372.

Additionally, APS has implemented an Internet safety program to meet the mandates of the Code of Virginia 22.1-70.2 Chapter 52, and all students and staff will receive instruction in Internet safety in areas such as personal safety, cyber bullying, cyber security, and intellectual freedom and copyright. To meet the mandates of this legislation, all users are required to abide by the APS Acceptable Use of Electronic Networked Resources & Internet Safety Policy and corresponding Policy Implementation Procedures.

This policy and implementing procedures will be reviewed every two years and revisions made as needed. The APS Superintendent will file with the Superintendent of Public Instruction the revised Internet safety acceptable use policy (AUP), approved by the School

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Board.

Anyone found to have engaged in illegal, unauthorized, inappropriate or unethical practices related to this policy, or who has not adhered to the APS guidelines found in the Policy Implementation Procedure manual when using APS electronic networked resources and equipment, will be subject to disciplinary action that could result in denial of system access, suspension, termination of employment and/or criminal prosecution.

Reference:

Code of Virginia 18.2-374.1:1

Code of Virginia 18.2-390 (2)-(5)

Code of Virginia 18.2-372

Code of Virginia 22.1-70.2 Chapter 52

Code of Virginia 22.1-315

APS Policy 25.5.25

APS Policy Implementation Procedure 35-4.4

APS Policy Implementation Procedure 45-2.1

APS Policy Implementation Procedure 45-5