

APS considers the safe and appropriate use of the Internet to be essential to the safety and welfare of the school division. All users are required to abide by the APS Internet Policy and corresponding Policy Implementation Procedures.

APS students, staff members, and all other users of APS computer equipment and communications services, including Internet services, are prohibited from using such equipment and services for:

- sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading illegal, illicit or inappropriate materials;
- accessing obscene materials as defined in the Code of Virginia 18.2-372; or
- accessing materials the division deems to be harmful to juveniles as defined in the Code of Virginia 18-2-390

Arlington Public Schools maintains an Internet filtering system for the purpose 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 of Virginia 18.2-372.

APS integrates an Internet safety program into the Division's instructional program.

This policy and implementing procedures will be reviewed every two years and revisions will be made as needed. The APS Superintendent will file with the Superintendent of Public Instruction the revised Internet Policy, approved by the School Board.

Anyone found to be violating this policy, or who has not adhered to the APS guidelines found in the Policy Implementation Procedure manual when using APS equipment or communications services, will be subject to disciplinary action that could result in denial of system access, suspension, termination of employment and/or criminal prosecution.

**References:**

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  
Code of Virginia 22.1-315  
APS Policy 25-1.3 Discipline  
APS Policy 35-4.9 Disciplinary Actions  
APS Policy Implementation Procedure 45-2