

# Regulation Code: 3225/4312/7320-R&P Student Technology Responsible Use Policy

## A. Student Technology Use & Internet Access

These Regulations & Procedures (R&P) explain the process that must be followed in order for students to gain or be denied access to Wake County Public School (WCPSS) technology and digital resources.

- ~~PARENTAL PERMISSION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS for technology access.~~
- ~~Permission to use technology includes access to e-mail and other web-based instructional tools.~~

## A. WakeID

WCPSS will create a WakeID for each student, which will be used along with the student's name to create accounts necessary for access to technology and digital resources. A WakeID looks like an e-mail address. For ~~any students that are who is~~ assigned a WCPSS e-mail address, their WakeID will be the same as their email address. Students that do not yet have an e-mail account will still receive a WakeID, however, their WakeID will not be linked to an e-mail account. The WakeIDs are visible in various applications to teachers and students across the school system.

## B. Laptops and Other Devices

The Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) uses a variety of technology and digital resources to enable and enhance instruction. With permission, students may use physical devices, including but not limited to, computers, tablets, and other hardware, ~~for approved educational uses~~. All technology involves some sort of Internet access, especially because many instructional tools are now located on the Internet rather than on a school server; therefore, technology access also means Internet access.

~~WCPSS strives to provide a laptop computer or other physical device to every student for approved educational uses. All WCPSS-issued devices may be inspected by WCPSS officials, with or without prior notice, either in person or remotely via the Internet, for purposes of maintenance and/or to monitor the Student's use of the device (including any email and Internet activities) to determine whether the Student is complying with applicable laws, policies, and regulations. Students and parents have no reasonable expectation of privacy to any data or information of any kind that is stored in a WCPSS device, which remains at all times the property of WCPSS. If any such inspection reveals that the Student has violated any provision of the Code of Student Conduct or any criminal law, any such evidence may be used in support of a disciplinary action against the Student and/or shared with law enforcement consistent with applicable law. Staff should consult with the WCPSS Security Department before sharing any student information obtained from student devices with any law enforcement agency.~~

Students are permitted, but not required, to use a Personal Device instead of a District Student Device at any WCPSS school or WCPSS virtual/online educational program so long as the Personal Device meets the following requirements (for specific device requirements, please visit the WCPSS Guides to Technology for Parents and Students):

- a) Laptop computer (no tablets)
- b) Latest Operating System
- c) Keyboard
- d) Camera
- e) Microphone

Any non-WCPSS device that students use at school for educational purposes as an alternative to using a WCPSS-issued device are subject to inspection and monitoring by WCPSS at any time in the same manner and under the same circumstances as a WCPSS-issued device. The fact that the device is private property does not insulate it from inspection and monitoring. Students and parents who do not wish their personal devices to be subject to monitoring and inspection at school have the option to use a WCPSS-issued device instead.

### **C. Web-Based Applications**

With the approval of an authorized WCPSS teacher or administrator, students may access web-based applications to create, review, store, share and potentially post their work on the Internet. Examples of these tools include, but are not limited to learning management systems, productivity tools, ~~BlackBoard, Blogs, Edmodo, Google Apps (not Gmail), SAS Curriculum Pathways, and WCPSS student e-mail and Wikis.~~ WCPSS has a review process for web-applications, and approved applications must have acceptable security and privacy practices. Staff and students should only use applications that have been approved.

Not all tools are used at all grade levels. At Kindergarten through fifth grade, student e-mail ~~and Google Apps (not Gmail)~~ is ~~are only~~ turned on ~~only~~ at the principal's request.

### **D. Safe and Appropriate Use of Technology and the Internet**

WCPSS has several processes in place to protect students while using technology and web-based instructional tools. Students are educated every year about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and cyber-bullying awareness and response. The district also uses Internet filters to remove most harmful content. ~~District supplied devices and cellular hotspots provide filtering at school and at home.~~ These protective measures do not relieve students of their responsibility to comply with all applicable policies and procedures and to use school system technology and networks safely, responsibly, and in compliance with all applicable laws. Nor do they relieve parents and guardians of their responsibility to monitor and supervise safe and appropriate use of technology and the Internet in settings outside of school. Students are strictly prohibited from taking any measures to evade, disable, or circumvent any WCPSS Internet filters or other WCPSS technology protocols or procedures designed to protect the safety of students, WCPSS technology resources, and/or the general public.

### **E. Student Data**

~~In addition, student work and identifying information about students, e.g., such as name and classroom, as well as student work, may be maintained by and stored on web-based instructional sites and applications and/or on WCPSS servers consistent with applicable law. WCPSS has a review process for web applications, and approved applications must have acceptable security and privacy practices.~~

~~Parents who do not want their student to use a computer or other physical device or to access web-based curriculum tools may deny their student's technology access. Students who have had their individual technology access denied are still able to participate in teacher or administrator led activities that contain Internet content. Students who have their technology access denied are not protected from viewing Internet content in use by other students.~~

~~School administrators are responsible for ensuring that each student's parent or guardian is made aware that parents or guardians must give permission in order for their student to have technology and Internet access and they have the ability to deny such access.~~

~~Schools may not change the Consent for Technology and Digital Resource Use form.~~

~~Mandatory Online Testing: Several mandatory state and federal student assessments are solely available over the Internet. These tests and assessments will be administered to ALL students. Temporary technology access for these tests will be granted for students who do not have a signed opt-in on file.~~

~~Legal Reference: [15 U.S.C. § 6501 et seq.](#); [16 C.F.R. Part 312](#); [47 U.S.C. § 254](#); [18 U.S.C. § 2510 et seq.](#); [20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.](#); [20 U.S.C. § 6777](#); [20 U.S.C. § 1232g](#); [G.S. 14-196.3](#); [G.S. 15A-286 to 287](#); [G.S. 115C-47\(33\)](#); [G.S. 115C-391](#); [G.S. 115C-398](#); [G.S. 115C-401.1](#); [G.S. 115C-402](#); [G.S. 115C-523](#)~~

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