

**Category:** INSTRUCTION

**Descriptor Code:** .03.05.021

**Subcategory:** INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENTS

**Policy Statement**

The Harford County Public School System shall provide telecommunications resources to its students for educational purposes: the acquisition of information/resources, communications and collaboration with experts, and career development activities. Telecommunications resources shall be used in accordance with the educational goals of the school system.

Student use of the resources provided shall be under the direct supervision of the teacher and shall be instructionally related. Reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure that the Internet is a safe learning environment for students. Students will be expected to demonstrate responsible and ethical behavior in the use of the resources.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for ensuring that administrative procedures for acceptable student use of telecommunications resources are effectively implemented throughout the system.

**Legal References:**

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article  
Section 7-305, Suspension and Expulsion;  
Section 7-308, Searches of Students and Schools  
Section 26-101, Disturbing Activities at Schools or Colleges

State Board of Education Bylaws  
13A.05.04.01 - Public School Library Programs;  
13A.08.01.10 - Guidelines for Students' Responsibilities and Rights;  
13A.08.01.11 - Disciplinary Action;  
13A.08.01.11B - Suspension and Expulsion;  
13A.08.01.14 - Search and Seizure

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