

Grady County Schools Internet Opt-Out Form

The Grady County School District recognizes that access to technology in school gives students greater opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, and develop skills that will prepare them for work, life, and citizenship. We are committed to helping students develop 21st-century technology and communication skills. To that end, we provide access to technologies for student and staff use.

Grady County Schools provide its users with access to the Internet, including web sites, resources, content, and online tools. That access will be filtered¹ in compliance with CIPA regulations and school policies. At a minimum, we will block access to three categories specified by CIPA – visual depictions deemed obscene, child pornography, and any material deemed to be harmful to minors. Web browsing may be monitored and web activity records may be retained indefinitely. Students accessing the web are educated about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms, and cyber bullying awareness and response.

By signing this form, I understand that my child will not have the same access to information via the computer. My child will have restricted² access to District or school purchased or subscribed sites required for educational purposes. Some of these programs are on the internet but do not allow access beyond the educational site. If you decide to opt-out, no other internet resources or sites will be available.

You may opt back in at any time by writing a letter to your child's principal stating that you wish for your child to have filtered access to the internet.

I do not want my child to have access to the internet except for restricted sites. I understand that he/she will only have access to the educational subscriptions purchased or subscribed to by the school system.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Name (Please Print)

Student Name (Please Print)

1 "Filtered" access means the students will have access to sites based on categories deemed appropriate for their individual schools in addition to the requirements by CIPA.

2 "Restricted" access means the students will only have access to sites that the school or district subscribe to (whether they are free or paid sites, including sites for testing.)