

## **FILTER WITH REGARD TO INTERNET ACCESS**

To ensure proper use of computer systems and equipment, the School District may monitor the use of these systems and equipment from time to time.

With respect to any computers within Vidalia City Schools System with Internet access, the school division will monitor the online activities of minors, employees, and guests. The division will employ technology protection measures during any use of such computers by minors and adults, including, but not limited to firewalls, filters, bandwidth monitoring, and shaping tools, antivirus software, anti-spyware software and pop-up blockers. The technology protection measures utilized will monitor material deemed:

- ❖ Obscene
- ❖ Child pornography; or
- ❖ Harmful to minors.

The term “harmful to minors” means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

- ❖ Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; or
- ❖ Depicts, describes, or represents, in any patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
- ❖ Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

The technology director or other person authorized by the Superintendent may disable the technology protection measure, during the use by an adult, to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

The School monitors all content on its network and will remove any inappropriate content.

The School makes no warranties that the precautions taken to block access to obscenity, pornography and other material harmful to minors will be effective. On a global network, it is impossible to control all material and an industrious user may obtain access to inappropriate information or material despite efforts to prevent such access.