

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: March 19, 2013

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6202, TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP) FOR STUDENTS**

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 6202. This is the first reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 6202

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6202
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS TO
ELECTRONIC INFORMATION, SERVICES, AND NETWORKS
RENAMED AS, “TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP)
FOR STUDENTS”**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

In accordance with Board of Education Policy and Superintendent’s Rule 8130, Board of Education Policy 6202 is scheduled for review in school year 2012-2013. Policy 6202 outlines standards for students’ acceptable use of telecommunications and networks. Staff is recommending that the policy be revised to: (1) rename the policy to clearly distinguish it from the employee acceptable use policy; (2) include a policy statement; (3) include an implementation section; and (4) conform with the Policy Review Committee’s editing conventions.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

No fiscal impact is anticipated by the revision of this policy.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

1. Board of Education Policy 1110, *Media, Public Relations and Publications, Events, Television, and Web Site*
2. Board of Education Policy 4008, *Data Governance*
3. Board of Education Policy 4104, *Telecommunications Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for Employees and Approved Non-Employees*
4. Board of Education Policy 5230, *Student Records*
5. Board of Education Policy 5550, *Disruptive Behavior*
6. Board of Education Policy 5580, *Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation*
7. Board of Education Policy 5590, *Students’ Expressions*
8. Board of Education Policy 5600, *Students’ Rights and Responsibilities*
9. Board of Education Policy 6002, *Selection of Instructional Materials*

Legal Requirements

1. 18 U.S.C. §§2510-2522, *Electronic Communications Privacy Act*
2. 20 U.S.C. §794d, *Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*
3. 20 U.S.C. §1232g, *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*
4. 20 U.S.C. §§1400-1419, *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*
5. 29 U.S.C. 794, *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act*
6. 47 U.S.C. §254(h), *Children’s Internet Protection Act*
7. *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §7-305, *Suspension and Expulsion*
8. *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §7-308, *Searches of Students and Schools*
9. *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §26-101, *Disturbing Activities at School or College; Molesting or Threatening Students*

10. *Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article §§10-611 – 10-630, Access to Public Records*
11. *COMAR 13A.05.01, Provision of a Free Appropriate Public Education*
12. *COMAR 13A.05.02, Administration of Services for Students with Disabilities*
13. *COMAR 13A.05.04.01, Public School Library Programs*
14. *COMAR 13A.08.01.11, Disciplinary Action*

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. *Carroll County Board of Education, Policy IJND, Telecommunications Policy*
2. *Harford County Board of Education, Policy Number 24-0046-000, Instructional Technology Acceptable Use Policy for Students*
3. *Howard County Board of Education, Policy 8080, Acceptable Use of Technology*
4. *Prince George’s County Board of Educaiton, Policy 0155, Information Technology Services – Acceptable Usage Guidelines*
5. *Talbot County Public Schools, Policy Number 10.32, Acceptable Use of Technology and Internet Safety for Students*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

No other alternatives were considered.

Timeline

First reading – March 19, 2013

Public comment – April 23, 2013

Third reading/vote – May 7, 2013

INSTRUCTION: Instructional Services

Telecommunications ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP) FOR STUDENTS [Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks]

I. POLICY STATEMENT

- A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) BELIEVES [recognizes] that, as telecommunications and other new technologies change the ways that information may be accessed, communicated, and transferred by members of society, THESE [those] changes may also ENHANCE [alter] instruction and student learning. THE BOARD ENCOURAGES THE USE OF, AND PROVIDES ACCESS TO, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES AND NETWORK RESOURCES THAT WILL ENABLE ENABLES STUDENTS TO CONNECT WITH GLOBAL INFORMATION RESOURCES AND TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER USERS.

- B. The Board SUPPORTS THE [expects that the employees will integrate] thoughtful use of electronic resources throughout the curriculum TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE SKILLS NEEDED TO EVALUATE AND USE THESE RESOURCES FOR ASSIGNMENTS, PROJECTS, OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

[The Board supports access by students to information resources along with the development by employees of appropriate skills to access, analyze, and evaluate such resources.]

II. STANDARDS

- A. STUDENTS SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO SCHOOL SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES [For students, telecommunications in the Baltimore County Public Schools are] for educational purposes, such as accessing curriculum-related information, sharing resources, and promoting innovation in learning. Learning how to use this wealth of information and how to communicate electronically are fundamental to PREPARING [prepare] citizens and future employees for the 21st century.

- B. AS PART OF THEIR ANNUAL STUDENT BEHAVIOR HANDBOOK TRAINING, STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO REVIEW THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP). PARENTS SHALL BE PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO WITHHOLD PERMISSION FOR A STUDENT'S ACCESS TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

- C. STUDENTS WHO USE BCPS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR USING THOSE RESOURCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS, BOARD POLICIES, SUPERINTENDENT'S RULES, AND SCHOOL SYSTEM PROCEDURES.

- D. Students shall be held responsible for THE appropriate USE OF BCPS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THE ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY. [behavior as specified in the Telecommunications Acceptable Use Policy for Students form (Rule 6202, Form A).

- E. Telecommunications extend the classroom beyond the school building by providing access to information resources on local, state, national, international, and commercial electronic networks. Telecommunications, because they may lead students to any publicly available fileserver in the world, will open classrooms to electronic information resources that may change daily and which have not been evaluated by educators for use by students of various ages. The Board [of Education] expects that employees will provide guidance and instruction to students in the appropriate use of such resources as specified in the Telecommunications Acceptable Use Policy for Students Form (Rule 6202, Form A) and the Telecommunications Acceptable Use Policy for Employees Form (Rule 4104, Form A).]

III. IMPLEMENTATION

THE BOARD DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY. [The Board authorizes the Superintendent to develop appropriate procedures for implementing this policy, to review and evaluate its effect on student achievement and instruction, and to develop appropriate discipline procedures.]

- Legal References: 18 U.S.C. §§2510-2522, *ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY ACT*
- 20 U.S.C. §794D, *SECTION 508 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973*
- 20 U.S.C. §1232G, *FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT*
- 20 U.S.C. §§1400-1419, *INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT*
- 20 U.S.C. §794D, *SECTION 508 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973*
- 29 U.S.C. 794, *SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT*
- 47 U.S.C. §254(h), *Children's Internet Protection Act*
- [18 U.S.C. §§2701-2711, *Electronic Communications Privacy Act*
- 20 U.S.C. §1232g, *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*
- 20 U.S.C. §794d, *Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*]
- Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §7-305, *SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION*
- Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §7-308, *SEARCHES OF STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS*
- Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §26-101, *DISTURBING ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL OR COLLEGE; MOLESTING OR THREATENING STUDENTS*
- ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND*, STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE §§10-611 to 10-630, *ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS*
- COMAR 13A.05.01, *PROVISION OF A FREE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION*
- COMAR 13A.05.02[.13H], *ADMINISTRATION OF SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES*
- COMAR 13A.05.04.01, *PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAMS*
- COMAR 13A.08.01.11, *DISCIPLINARY ACTION*
- [COMAR 13A.08.01.14]

Related Policies: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1110, *MEDIA, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS, EVENTS, TELEVISION, AND WEB SITE*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 4008, *DATA GOVERNANCE*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 4104, *TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP) FOR EMPLOYEES AND APPROVED NON-EMPLOYEES*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5230, *STUDENT RECORDS*
Board of Education Policy 5550, *DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR*
[Board of Education Policy 5570]
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5580, *BULLYING, HARASSMENT, OR INTIMIDATION*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5590, *STUDENTS' EXPRESSIONS*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY, 5600, *STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES*
[Board of Education Policy 5660]
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6002, *SELECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS*

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