

Section I: Instructional Goals and Objectives	Knox County Board of Education Policy		
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	Access to Electronic Media	I-220	4/96
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2 The Board supports the right of employees and students to have reasonable access to information from
3 electronic media and believes it incumbent upon them to use this privilege in an appropriate and
4 responsible manner.
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6 The Director of Schools shall develop and implement appropriate procedures to provide guidance for
7 access to electronic media. Guidelines shall address ethical use of electronic media (such as the Internet)
8 and issues of privacy versus access for review of communication documents and electronic files and shall
9 disallow utilization of networks for prohibited or illegal activities, the intentional spreading of embedded
10 messages or the use of other programs with the potential of damaging or destroying electronic files.
11 Written guidelines shall specify acceptable uses, rules of online behavior, access privileges and penalties
12 for policy/procedural violations. These guidelines will be provided to any person who may use the system
13 in any capacity.
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15 Parents/guardians wishing to deny independent access to electronic media involving district technological
16 resources may do so by returning a signed right of refusal form supplied by the school. This document
17 shall be kept on file as a legal, binding document. To modify or rescind the agreement, the user's
18 parent/guardian must provide the principal with a written request.
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20 The same criteria of educational suitability used for review and reconsideration of other instructional
21 resources shall be used when questions arise concerning access to specific electronic media. These
22 processes should be in compliance with school board policy for Selection of Instructional Materials Other
23 than Textbooks (I-211) and Reconsideration of Instructional Materials and Textbooks (I-212).
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33 Legal Reference:
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35 1. T.C.A. § 49-1-2011.
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