

TECHNOLOGY IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Policy Code: **3220**

The Wilkes County Board of Education promotes the use of technology in the educational program in order to enhance instructional opportunities, appeal to different learning styles, and meet the educational goals of the Board of Education.

The superintendent or his designee will develop a local school system technology plan that meets state requirements and will submit the plan to the Board of Education for approval. Once the plan is approved by the Board of Education, the superintendent will take all steps necessary to gain approval of the plan by the State Board of Education. After the plan is approved by the State Board of Education, all state funds spent for any aspect of school technology will be used to implement the technology plan.

Schools will develop strategies for using technology to improve student success. The strategies will be included in the school improvement plan if they require the transfer of funds or relate to the school improvement plan. Expenditures of state funds must be consistent with the school district's technology plan.

All technological resources must be purchased and used in a manner consistent with applicable law and Board of Education policy. This includes laws and policies related to copyright, public records, bidding, and other purchase requirements as well as staff duties and standards for student behavior. All technology purchases must be approved by the Technology Department.

Users will be trained to use the technological resources effectively. Schools should identify any staff development appropriations for technological training in their school improvement plans. The superintendent should assist schools in coordinating staff development needs as provided in Board of Education policy 1610/7800, Professional Development and Assistance.

The superintendent and principals are expected to establish relationships with businesses and seek grants and other funding sources in an effort to acquire technology for the educational program.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

In order to continue effective communication between school and community, Wilkes County Schools will provide policies translated into the predominant languages of the community.

Legal References: Communication Act of 1934, *as amended*, 47 U.S.C. § 609; G.S. 115C-102 .6A-C(5), GS 115c-518, GS 115c-522, GS 115c-522.1, GS 115c-518, GS 147-33.111; U.S. Const. amend. I; 17 U.S.C. 100 et seq.; Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. 2510-2522; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g; G.S. 115C-391, -325(e), PL 106-554, SBE EEO-C-018, SB 991, 2004, GS 115c-98, GS 115c-398, GS 115c-106

Cross References: Copyright Compliance (policies 3230/7330), School Improvement Plan (policy 3430), Standards of Expected Student Behavior (policy 4310), Public Records (policy 5070), Staff Responsibilities (policy 7300), Professional Development and Assistance (policy 1610/7800), Acceptable Use Policy (policy : 3225/7320), Hardware (policy: 3221), Software (policy: 3222), Web 2.0/3.0 (policy: 3223)

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