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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY

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### I. PURPOSE

To establish a uniform, county-wide policy that sets forth procedures for the appropriate use of the Internet and other modes of telecommunication.

### II. DEFINITIONS

Modes of Telecommunication - All forms of electronic communication such as telephones, computers, networks and cabling.

Children's Internet Protection Act - The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), enacted December 21, 2000, requires recipients of federal technology funds to comply with certain Internet filtering and policy requirements. Schools and libraries receiving funds for Internet access and/or internal connection services must also meet the Internet safety policies of the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA) that addresses the broader issues of electronic messaging, disclosure of personal information of minors, and unlawful online activities.

### III. POLICY STATEMENT

The use of the Internet and other advanced technology has the potential to vastly change the way students learn, particularly in the way they search for information. The Internet and other modes of telecommunication provide a gateway to a broad array of instructional resources for both students and staff. The Carroll County Public School System recognizes the potentially positive impact technology could have on education while recognizing the challenges it also presents. The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the appropriate use of these resources that are in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub L No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)], and any other applicable federal and/or state regulations.

### IV. EXCEPTIONS

There are no exceptions to this policy.

### V. AMPLIFYING INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES

Specific guidelines are found in the following two documents:

“Telecommunications Acceptable Use Guidelines for Students”

“Telecommunications Acceptable Use Guidelines for Employees”

### VI. REPORTS

None

VII. EXPIRATION/REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed at the end of three years, or sooner, if the Board approves by majority vote in public session.

VIII. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Superintendent has the responsibility for enforcing this policy by communicating it to all relevant parties and by providing necessary instructions and/or administrative procedures (if appropriate), to all staff members.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy will be effective as of July 1, 2002.

**APPROVED: August 14, 1996**

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