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Emereau Bladen Charter School

Internet Safety Policy

Effective: July 2025 • **Compliant with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-102.10**

1. Purpose & Scope

To ensure the responsible, legal, and age-appropriate use of internet resources provided by the school and comply with North Carolina law regarding student online safety.

Applies to:

- All students using school-provided internet or devices.
- Any school-owned or managed online/email/chat communication.

2. Access to Age-Appropriate Content *(HB 959 § 115C-102.10(1))*

- Internet filters and administrative controls restrict access to sites appropriate for each student's grade level.
- Regular audits shall be conducted to ensure filters are effective.

3. Protection of Electronic Communication *(§(2))*

- Guidance and safeguards are required for student use of email, chat rooms, and other digital communications within the district.
- Privacy and data security training for staff and students must be provided.

4. Prohibition of Unauthorized/Hacking Activities *(§(3))*

- Strict prohibition against accessing internal data or systems unlawfully (e.g., hacking, password sharing).
- Consequences include disciplinary action and reported violations.

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5. Protection of Student Personal Information *(§(4))*

- Websites and services that handle sensitive student data must meet school privacy standards.
- Block or prohibit use of platforms that fail to protect student information.

6. Social Media Access Restrictions *(§(5))*

- Social media platforms are banned on school networks/devices, except during teacher-supervised, educational use.
- Teachers must formally request and receive approval before using social media in the classroom.

7. Specific Ban on TikTok and Similar Apps

(Aligned with HB 959 via GS 115C-47(70))

- TikTok or similar "successor" platforms are strictly prohibited on all school-owned devices or through school internet—without exception for clubs or school promotion wral.com+6ncleg.gov+6ncleg.gov+6wral.comlrs.sog.unc.edu+1legiscan.com+1.

8. Policy Enforcement

- Violations shall result in:
  - Temporary or permanent loss of internet/device privileges
  - Disciplinary measures under the student code of conduct
  - Notification to parents/guardians

9. Review and Updates

- This policy will be reviewed annually to incorporate changes in state law, technology trends, or school operational needs.
- All updates must be formally approved by the Board of Education.

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Adoption

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