



Orange County Public Schools

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The Florida State Board of Education adopted Rule 6A-1.0957, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C), Internet Safety Policy, on July 19, 2023.

The rule “prohibits students from accessing social media platforms, except when expressly directed by a teacher for an educational purpose.” In line with this new rule, access to social media on OCPS provided student devices and on the OCPS network has been disabled for all students. Temporary individual student access to social media based on a specific teacher’s direction is not viable. A teacher still has access to social media through their own login and device.

Rule 6A-1.0957 also states that the use of TikTok, “and any successor platforms, on all district- or school-owned devices, or on any device (including privately owned) connected to district- or school-provided internet” is prohibited. The rule further states that TikTok cannot be used to communicate or promote any school district, school, school-sponsored club, extracurricular organization, or athletic team.” To meet the requirements of this rule, TikTok has been blocked on the OCPS network and devices for all users. The Rule makes clear that that TikTok is prohibited for use for both in school and after school activities. While a staff member may have their personal TikTok account, the TikTok account of a staff member should not include OCPS students or events where the staff member is serving in their capacity as an employee of the district.