

## INTERNET SAFETY

In compliance with The Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Regulations of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC), the District has adopted and will enforce this Internet safety policy that requires the use of technology protection measures (i.e., filtering or blocking of access to certain material on the Internet) on all District computers with Internet access. Such technology protection measures apply to Internet access by both adults and minors with regard to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or with respect to the use of computers by minors, considered harmful to such students.

However, no filtering technology can guarantee that adults and minors will be prevented from accessing all inappropriate locations. Proper safety procedures as deemed appropriate by the building administrator and/or Director of Technology, will be provided to comply with the CIPA.

Under certain specific circumstances, the blocking or filtering technology measure may be disabled for adults engaged in bona fide research or other lawful purposes. The Superintendent of School or his/her designee will authorize the disabling of the blocking or filtering technology.

In compliance with this Internet Safety Policy as well as the District’s Acceptable Use Policy, unauthorized access (including so-called “hacking”) and other unlawful activities by adults and minors are prohibited by the District; and violations of such policies shall result in disciplinary action.

Appropriate supervision and notification shall be given to students regarding the prohibition of unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information while using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

The determination of what is “inappropriate” for minors shall be determined by the District based on community standards. It is acknowledged that the determination of such “inappropriate” material may vary depending upon the circumstances of the situation and the age of the students involved in online research. The terms “minor,” “child pornography,” “harmful to minors,” “obscene,” “technology protection measure,” “sexual act,” and sexual contact” will be defined in accordance with CIPA.

The School District shall provide certification, pursuant to the requirements of CIPA, to document the District’s adoption and enforcement of its Internet Safety Policy, including the operation and enforcement of technology protection measures for all School District computers with Internet access.

The School District shall provide for the Instruction of students regarding appropriate online behavior. This instruction shall address communicating and interacting with other individuals through the internet and telecommunications including email, texting, social networking websites and in chat environments. The district shall promote appropriate, responsible and ethical behavior; and incorporate cyber bullying awareness, response to and prevention of such activities.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop and implement regulations consistent with this policy. The Superintendent also shall be responsible for disseminating the policy and associated regulations to school personnel and students.

Ref: 47 United States Code (U.S.C.)  
Section 254(h) and (I)  
47 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 54

Cross-ref: 4526.1, Electronic Information Resources Acceptable Use Policy  
1420, Complaints about Curricula or Instructional Materials

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