

## **INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY SAFETY**

It is the policy of the district to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic or digital communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 U.S.C. §254(h)] and Oklahoma law [OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 11-201].

### Definition

The determination of what is "inappropriate" for minors shall be determined by the district. 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 and activity.

The terms "minor," "child pornography," "harmful to minors," "obscene," "technology protection measures," "sexual act," and "sexual contact" shall be defined in accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, Oklahoma law, and any other applicable laws/regulations as appropriate and implemented by the district.

### Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet Filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet (or other forms of electronic or digital communications) access to inappropriate information. Specifically, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

### Inappropriate Network Usage

Any individual who uses the district's resources to access the Internet or engage in any electronic or digital communication is required to participate in the district's education efforts (undertaken pursuant to the Children's Internet Protection Act) and comply with the district's acceptable use policy.

### Supervision and Monitoring

All employees are responsible for supervising and monitoring student use of the Internet in accordance with the district's technology policies, the Children's Internet Protection Act and Oklahoma law. The district's IT director shall establish and implement procedures regarding technology protection measures. No individual will be permitted to use the district's technology resources in a manner inconsistent with the district's policies.

### Personal Safety

Employees and students shall not use the district's technology resources in any manner that jeopardizes personal safety. Students and employees must follow the district's technology policies, including the acceptable use policy which details the district's safe use standards.

### Certification and Verification

The district shall provide certification, pursuant to the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act, to document the district's adoption and enforcement of its Internet and Technology Safety Policy, including the operation and enforcement of technology protection measures for all district computers with Internet access.

The district shall also obtain verification from any provider of digital or online library database resources that all the resources they provide to the district are in compliance with Oklahoma law and the district's Internet and Technology Safety Policy. If any provider of digital or online library resources fails to comply, the district shall withhold payment, pending verification of compliance. If any provider of digital or online library resources fails to timely verify compliance, the district shall consider the provider's act of noncompliance a breach of contract.

### Reporting

No later than December 1 of each year, Oklahoma law provides that libraries shall submit to the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate an aggregate written report on any issues related to provider compliance with Internet technology measures as required under Oklahoma law.

### Employee Liability

Employees of the district shall not be exempt from prosecution for willful violations of state law prohibiting indecent exposure to obscene material or child pornography as provided under Oklahoma law [OKLA. STAT. tit. 21, § 1021].

Reference: 47 U.S.C. § 254(h); OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 11-201; OKLA. STAT. tit. 21, § 1021.

