
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

SUMMARY

The district recognizes the importance of providing students with positive, productive educational experiences, and the need to protect students from harmful material on the Internet. The district will take the necessary and prudent steps to comply with the Federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) as well as district policies and procedures, to prevent access to inappropriate material via the Internet. While Internet Filtering technology makes it more difficult for inappropriate material to be accessed, every user must take responsibility for their use of the Internet and actively avoid accessing inappropriate materials. It is the responsibility of staff to engage students in the appropriate use of technology and to have discussions with students on what is appropriate when situations arise.

DEFINITIONS

Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

This is a United States federal law enacted in 2000. It requires schools and libraries that receive certain federal funding (specifically E-rate discounts for internet access and internal connections) to implement internet safety policies and technology protection measures. These measures must block or filter access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. Schools subject to CIPA also have requirements for monitoring online activities of minors and educating them about appropriate online behavior.

INSTRUCTION

1. Internet filtering rules will comply with Federal and State laws.
2. All internet access from the district network will be filtered, logged, and when necessary, monitored.
3. The district will block content that is harmful or inappropriate.
 - a. Categories that are blocked include but are not limited to: Nudity, Pornography, Violence, Intolerance, Hate, Gambling, Dating, Chat Rooms, and Hacking.
4. The district may block content that disrupts the educational environment.

APPLICABILITY

- All district staff and students

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- HUM-A003-Computer, Mobile Devices, Network, Email, and Social Media Accounts: Staff Use
- INS-A004-Electronic Resources: Student Acceptable Use

APPROVAL AUTHORITY

- Deputy Superintendent

REVISION HISTORY

- 7/29/2013 – Cabinet Approved
- 8/18/2017 – Removed sec. 7 – obsolete process.
- 10/30/2017 – Sec.6, Removed reference to Facebook and YouTube
- 12/29/2017 – User responsibility statement added, added logging of internet use, and clarified monitoring as “when necessary”, Removed sec. 4 and 6, Combined Sec. 2 and 3.
- 4/10/2025 – Removed sec. 4 - Reference to exceptions for internet filtering, Sec. 5 – Reference to HUM-A003. Sec 6 – Reference to INS-A004. Updated Sec. 3 – Language and listed categories. Added statement addressing optional content that may be blocked.

- 07/22/2025- Changed approval authority to deputy superintendent and spelled out definition of CIPA