

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 8.47 CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT

(1) INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

It is the policy of Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) to:

- (a) ensure that users (staff, students, and others) will not have access to inappropriate materials when using the Internet, E-mail, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communications or services provided by Milwaukee Public Schools;
- (b) prevent the unauthorized access and other unlawful activities of users (staff, students, and others) on line;
- (c) prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding users (staff, students, and others), and
- (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act, 20 U.S.C. §6801 and 47 U.S.C. §254(h).

(2) DEFINITIONS

(a) Child Pornography — Any visual depiction which involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or where a depiction appears to be of a minor or has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that a minor is engaging in such conduct; or is advertised, promoted, presented, described, or distributed in a manner that conveys the impression that the material is or contains a visual depiction of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

(b) Harmful to Minors — Any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that, taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

(c) Inappropriate Materials — Any material that is obscene, is child pornography, or is harmful to minors.

(d) Obscene — Any material or performance when, considered as a whole, predominantly appeals to a prurient interest in sex; or that depicts or describes in a patently offensive manner actual or simulated sexual acts, sexual contact, nudity, sadism, masochism, excretion, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and that lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

(e) Technology Protection Measures — A specific technology that blocks or filters internet access.

(3) PREVENTION OF ACCESS TO INAPPROPRIATE MATERIALS

Technology protection measures shall be used, to the extent practicable, to block or filter access to inappropriate material on the Internet, E-mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications/services by MPS staff, students, and other authorized users receiving technology services from MPS. Specifically, technology protection measures shall be used to prevent access to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or to be 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.

(4) PREVENTION OF INAPPROPRIATE NETWORK USAGE

To the extent practicable, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the MPS online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications/services by MPS staff, students, and other authorized users receiving technology services from MPS. Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes prevention of (a) unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking,” and other unlawful activities, and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

(5) SUPERVISION AND MONITORING

(a) It shall be the responsibility of the school principal and/or designee to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children’s Internet Protection Act.

(b) Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Director, Division of Technology, or his/her designated representatives.

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Legal Ref.: Children’s Internet Protection Act, 20 U.S.C. §6801 and 47 U.S.C. §254(h)

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