

INTERNET PROTECTION AND SAFETY

PURPOSE: To comply with requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

Definitions

The term "technology protection measure" means a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual descriptions that are:

Obscene, as that term is defined in Section 1460 of Title 18, United States Code; or

Child pornography, as that term is defined in Section 2256 of Title 18, United States Code; or harmful to minors, as that term is defined herein.

- 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 or sex; or
- 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 conduct, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts; or
- Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value as to minors.

The District provides its students and employees with access to the District's computer network system, including Internet access, in an effort to expand the informational and communication resources in furtherance of the District's goal of promoting educational excellence. The Board recognizes that the use of the Internet can be a valuable tool for student learning. It is hoped that the expanded use of these resources will enhance student research capabilities, increase faculty and employee productivity and result in better communication between the District and its patrons. At the same time, the Board recognizes that there is a vast amount of material available on the Internet which students should not be permitted to access.

The Board adopts this policy of Internet protection that protects against access, through computers with Internet access, to visual depictions that are contrary to this policy. This policy includes measures to block or filter Internet access for both minors and adults to certain visual depictions and provides for monitoring the on-line activities of minors. This policy also includes educating minors about appropriate on-line behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.

The Superintendent or designee(s) are authorized to certify that the District is in compliance with all legal requirements. Further the Superintendent or designee(s) shall adopt procedures to enforce this policy.

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Legal Reference: Children's Internet Protection Act (2001 Public Law 106-554)

47 United States Code 254(h)(5); 47 CFR 54.520 Protecting Children in the 21st
Century Act, 15 United States Code § 6551