



Internet Safety Policy

Introduction

It is the policy of the Cardinal McCloskey Community Charter School ("CMCCS") to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network which is intended to transmit or receive inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic 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 USC 254(h)].

Definitions

Key terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA").

MINOR. CIPA defines "minor" to mean any individual who has not attained the age of 17 years.

TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURE. The term "technology protection measure" means a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are:

1. **OBSCENE**, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code;

2. **CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or

3. **HARMFUL TO MINORS.** The term "harmful to minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

a) Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;

b) 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

c) Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

SEXUAL ACT; SEXUAL CONTACT. The terms "sexual act" and "sexual contact" have the meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.

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 communications, access to inappropriate information.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene, pornographic or child pornographic, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes. Thus, for example, where warranted, access may be given to platforms like Facebook or Google.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the CMCCS online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

In addition, as required by which Children's Internet Protection Act, steps, including procedures and changes to equipment, shall be taken to prevent inappropriate network usage which includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the CMCCS staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of Director of Operations or designated representatives.

The Director of Operations or designated representatives will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the CMCCS Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the CMCCS commitment to:

- a) The standards and acceptable use of internet services as set forth in the CMCCS Internet Safety Policy;
- b) Student safety with regard to:
 - i. safety on the Internet
 - ii. appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms; and
 - iii. cyberbullying awareness and response
- c) Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act (“CIPA”).

Following receipt of this training, the student /families will acknowledge that they received the training, understood it, and will follow the provisions of the District's acceptable use policies.

Adoption

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