

USD 470-Arkansas City Schools Children's Internet Protection Plan

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Goals

It is the policy of USD 470 to take the following technology protection or other specified measures in order to better protect our district students from harmful online and electronically transmitted content:

- install blocks or Internet filters to the district network in order to limit access by both minors and adults to child pornography and visual depictions or materials that are obscene, inappropriate or harmful to minors and/or the transmission thereof;
- monitor the on line activities of students while at school, at school sponsored activities, or while utilizing the district's network, computer system, computers, e -mail system, or electronic devices having access to the Internet;
- address issues related to the safety of students when using e -mail, chat rooms, and other electronic communication;
- educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms as well as on cyber bullying awareness and response;
- hinder unauthorized access (hacking) and other unlawful on -line activities by students; and
- prevent unauthorized disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal information regarding minors, which shall include, but may not be limited to, personally identifiable information contained in student records; and
- comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practicable, technology protection measures or Internet filters shall be used to block or filter the Internet or other forms of electronic devices from accessing child pornography as well as obscene, inappropriate, or harmful material given the age and maturity levels of district students. It is the District's goal to implement this plan in such a way as to ensure no minor has access to visual depictions that are child pornography, harmful to minors, or obscene.

Subject to administrative approval, technology protection measures may be minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes that are closely monitored by district staff.

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Inappropriate Network Usage

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

Specifically, in accordance with CIPA, measures to prevent inappropriate network usage shall include frequent monitoring of the District's network, computer systems, and equipment to detect any unauthorized access to prohibited materials as described earlier in this plan, hacking, and other unlawful activities by students or staff members. Such monitoring shall also strive to detect unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personally identifiable information regarding students.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the District's staff to educate, supervise, and monitor appropriate usage of online computer network access to the internet in accordance with this policy and CIPA. If, during the course of such monitoring, a student or staff member discovers a violation of this policy, the student or staff member shall make a report as follows:

- 1) Students shall report suspected violation of this policy to any classroom teacher.
- 2) Staff members shall report suspected violations of this policy to their immediate supervisor when possible.

Disciplinary Measures

The district retains the right to discipline any student, up to and including expulsion, and any employee, up to and including termination, for violation of this policy.

Adoption

This Children's Internet Protection Act Safety Plan was adopted by the Board of USD 470 at a public meeting, following normal public notice and a hearing, on Monday, February 10, 2020.

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