

Internet Safety Policy of the Morgan Independent School District

Introduction

It is the policy of the Morgan Independent School District (hereafter Morgan ISD) to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, 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)].

This policy as defined above includes the following six components - to:

- Prevent access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web.
- Insure the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications (including instant messaging).
- Prevent unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities by minors online.
- Prevent unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.
- Provide measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors.
- Provide measures for educating minors about appropriate online behavior.

Definitions

Key terms in this policy as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act are listed at the end of this document.

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 or 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.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of all users of the Morgan ISD online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications, as well as when using World Wide Web browsers and other Internet resources.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage 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.

Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Morgan ISD staff 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.

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

Compliance

All students and faculty/staff members will be required to sign an Acceptable Use Policy form that includes, but is not limited to, the provisions of this Internet Safety Policy of the Morgan ISD.

Adoption

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Board of the Morgan Independent School District at a Special Public Meeting, after prescribed public notice, on June 29th, 2012. The regular meeting was preceded by a publicized public forum for the purpose of examining this policy.

CIPA definitions of terms:

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.

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

1. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
2. 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
3. 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.