

Calhoun County School System Internet Safety Policy

It is the policy of the Calhoun County School System to: (a) prevent user access or transmission of inappropriate material via the System's network; (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.*

Education on Appropriate Behavior

Calhoun County School System shall provide education for minors concerning appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and how to be aware of and respond to cyber bullying.

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. Calhoun County School System will monitor the online activities of minors.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking, for adults and minors, shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Calhoun County School System will block sites, for adults and minors, related to child pornography with respect to use of the computers by minors or sites 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 users of the Calhoun County School System online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

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 for the Calhoun County School System 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 Technology Director or designated representatives.

CIPA DEFINITION 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.

Internet Links for Additional Information on
CIPA and Internet Safety Policies

CIPA BACKGROUND

Full text of the Children's Internet Protection Act
http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/universal_service/chipact.doc

FCC regulations implementing CIPA; FCC 01-120

http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/2001/fcc01120.doc

SLD's FAQ on E-rate certification procedures and timing

<http://www.sl.universalservice.org/reference/CIPAfq.asp>

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.

Adoption

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Calhoun County Board of Education at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on December 8, 2005. Minutes that document this approval were then sent to appropriate personnel.

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