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Introduction

It is the policy of the Elko County School District to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via the Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communication; (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)] (“CIPA”).

Definitions

1. *Minor* – Any individual who has not attained the age of 17 years.
2. *Technology Protection Measure* – A specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are:
 - a. “Obscene,” as that term is defined in Section 1460 of Title 18, United States Code;
 - b. “Child Pornography,” as that term is defined in Section 2256 of Title 18, United States Code; or
 - c. Harmful to minors.
3. *Harmful to Minors* – 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.
4. *Sexual Act and 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 (Internet filters) shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communication, access to inappropriate information.

Specifically, as required by CIPA, 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 for adults 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 District's online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communication.

Specifically, as required by CIPA, 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.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

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

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

All schools within the District shall provide age-appropriate training for students who use its Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the school's commitment to:

1. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in this Internet Safety Policy;
2. Student safety with regard to:
 - a. Safety on the Internet;
 - b. Appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking websites, and in chat rooms; and
 - c. Cyber-bullying awareness and response; and
3. Compliance with the E-rate requirements of CIPA.

Following receipt of this training, students will acknowledge that they received the training, understood it, and will follow the provisions of the District's Acceptable Use Policy.