

STUDENT INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

It is the policy of the Board of Education, through the use of internet filtering or blocking devices, to block users of the District's computers from accessing visual depictions that are (a) obscene, (b) pornographic, (c) violent, or (d) harmful to minors.

All online activities of minors shall be monitored by those school officials with direct supervisory responsibility for those activities. In addition, school officials shall establish and implement procedures for (1) monitoring of minors' online activities when not under the direct supervision of school staff, (2) ensuring the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications, (3) preventing unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities, by minors online, and (4) preventing the disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.

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

- a. taken as a whole with respect to minors, appeals to 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.

Other terms used in this policy, including "minor," "obscene," "child pornography," and "harmful to minors," shall have the meanings set forth in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

LEGAL REF.: CHILDREN INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (P.L. 106-554), Section 1701 et seq.