

STUDENTS – INTERNET SAFETY (CHILDREN’S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT)

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47 C.F.R. § 54.520(c)(1)(i)

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This policy applies any time a student uses:

- (a) a School-owned computer or other technological device to access the School network/internet connection;
- (b) a School-owned computer or other technological device to access a private network/internet connection while on school property;
- (c) a privately owned computer or other technological device to access the School network/internet connection; or
- (d) a privately owned computer or other technological device to access a private network/internet connection while on School property.

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) provides age-appropriate education to students regarding safe and appropriate online behavior through a technology curriculum and classes. This includes educating the student about interacting with other individuals on the Internet and cyberbullying awareness and response.

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

WWS has deployed a “technology protection measure” in the form of a content filter that restricts minors’ access to inappropriate material, monitors the online activities of minors, and protects against the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personally identifiable information regarding minors. Inappropriate material includes visual depictions that are “obscene,” “child pornography,” or “harmful to minors,” as defined by the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Web browsing may be monitored and web activity records may be retained indefinitely.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Systems Integration Director or designated representatives. Students who engage in unauthorized access, including hacking and other unlawful online activities, will be found in violation of WWS’s Acceptable Use Policy and subject to disciplinary rules and applicable criminal statutes.

CIPA definitions of terms:

MINOR. The term “minor” means any individual who has not attained the age of 17 years.

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, means 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.