

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

Introduction. Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School will (a) prevent its computer network from being used to access or to transmit inappropriate material via Internet, E-mail or other forms of direct communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use or dissemination of minors' personal identification information; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 254(h) ("CIPA").

Definitions.

Child pornography – Any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, in which (a) the production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; (b) such visual depiction is a digital image, computer image, or computer-generated image that is, or is indistinguishable from, that of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or (c) such visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

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. 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(7)(G).

Inappropriate material – Includes any Internet site, E-mail or other communication containing information, pictures, visual depictions, comments or other content that is obscene, includes child pornography and/or is harmful to minors.

Minor – Any individual who has not attained the age of 17 years. 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(7)(D).

Sexual act – (a) contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, and for purposes of this subparagraph contact involving the penis occurs

upon penetration, however, slight; (b) contact between the mouth and the penis, the mouth and the vulva, or the mouth and the anus; (c) the penetration, however slight, of the anal or genital opening of another by a hand or finger or by any object, with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, or arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person; or (d) the intentional touching, not through the clothing, of the genitalia of another person who has not attained the age of 16 years with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, or arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person. 18 U.S.C.A. § 2246(2); 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(7)(H).

Sexual contact – Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, or arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person. 18 U.S.C.A. § 2246(3); 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(7)(H).

Technology protection measure – A specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to the material covered by a certification under the CIPA. 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(7)(I). Also known as “Internet filters.”

Guidelines

Inappropriate material access - To the extent practical, technology protection measures shall be used to block or filter access to inappropriate material on the Internet or in other forms of electronic communications. Specifically, as required by the CIPA, internet filters will be used to block any material deemed to be obscene, child pornography or 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. 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(5)(D).

Inappropriate network use - To the extent possible, steps will be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School online computer network when using E-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging and other forms of direct electronic communications. Specifically, as required by the CIPA prevention of inappropriate network use includes (a) unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking” and other unlawful activities; (b) unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Supervision and monitoring - All Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School staff members shall be responsible for supervising and monitoring use of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the CIPA.

Administration.

The Principal or his/her designated representative(s) shall be responsible for developing and implementing procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures.