

Seminole Independent School District  
Internet Safety Policy

**Introduction**

It is the policy of Seminole I.S.D. (S.I.S.D.) to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (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**

CIPA definitions of terms:

Technology Protection Measure: A specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that is:

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.
4. 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.

Harmful to Minors: Any picture, image, graphic image file or other visual depiction that:

1. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prudent 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.

Sexual Act; Sexual Contact: The meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Codes.

**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.

Specifically, as required by Children’s Internet Protection Act, 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 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 Seminole Independent School District 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.

## **Education, Supervision and Monitoring**

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

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying and technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, campus principal or designated representatives.

The superintendent, campus principal or designated representatives will provide age appropriate training for students who use Seminole I.S.D. Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote S.I.S.D.'s commitment to:

- a. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Seminole I.S.D. Internet Safety Policy;
- b. Student safety with regard to:
  - i. Safety on the Internet;
  - ii. Appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms; and
  - iii. Cyber bullying awareness and response.
- c. Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA").

Following receipt of this training, the student will acknowledge that he/she received the training, understood it, and will follow the provisions of the District's acceptable use policies.

### **Adoption**

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Board of Trustees of Seminole Independent School District at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on June 11, 2012.