

Internet Safety Policy For East Lansing Public Schools

Introduction

It is the policy of East Lansing Public Schools 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

Key terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.*

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 the 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 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 East Lansing Public Schools 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 East Lansing Public Schools 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 21st Century Act.

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

The Director of Technology or designated representatives will coordinate and/or provide age appropriate training for students who use the East Lansing Public School's Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the East Lansing Public School's commitment to:

- a) The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the East Lansing Public School's 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. cyberbullying 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 East Lansing Public Schools at a public meeting, following normal public notice.

For more information regarding CIPA, Internet Safety and ELPS guidelines and processes for both, please refer to the district website.

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.

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

1. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient 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 terms "sexual act" and "sexual contact" have the meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.

**STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT
FOR ACCESS AND USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES**

The purpose of this agreement is to provide student access to East Lansing Public School’s technology resources (computers, tablets, Internet, etc.) for educational purposes that are consistent with East Lansing Public School’s mission statement. In exchange for the use of East Lansing Public School’s technology resources either at school or away from school, I understand and agree to the following:

I WILL NEVER:

- Give out any personal information such as name, phone number, address, email address or passwords
- Agree to meet someone they met on the Internet
- Enter or access any inappropriate or unethical websites or chat-rooms
- Use inappropriate language
- Knowingly download, copy, or distribute unauthorized copyrighted materials (i.e. movies, music, software, etc.)
- Knowingly transfer inappropriate or illegal materials through the Internet
- Threaten or harass any individual(s) using the Internet (cyber-bullying)
- Knowingly download or view visually obscene material

East Lansing Public Schools reserves the rights to any material stored on technology that we manage and shall remove any material which East Lansing Public Schools, at its sole discretion, believes may be unlawful, obscene, abusive, or otherwise objectionable. East Lansing Public Schools also reserves the right to deny access to technology as well as refer the student for disciplinary action by the appropriate building administrator.

Any misuse may result in suspension of technology use or other disciplinary action determined by East Lansing Public Schools. Misuse includes, but is not limited to:

- Intentionally seeking information on, obtaining copies of, or modifying files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users
- Misrepresenting other users on the local network or Internet
- Disrupting the operation of technology through abuse of hardware or software
- Malicious use of the local network or Internet through cyber-bullying, hate mail, harassment, profanity, threats, vulgar statements, or discriminatory remarks
- Interfering with the use of technology by others
- Excessive use for non-educational purposes
- Allowing anyone to use an account other than the account holder
- Accessing or downloading of pornographic material
- Use that could make the computer or network susceptible to security risks
- Use that could degrade the performance of the computer or network

Students should have no expectation of privacy while using technology resources. East Lansing Public Schools retains the right to monitor all use. This includes, but is not limited to personal email and voice mail communications, computer files, databases, web logs, audit trails, or any other electronic transmissions accessed through East Lansing Public School’s technology resources.

The student may log on and use East Lansing Public School’s technology resources and East Lansing Public School’s Internet and wide area connections only with his/her authorized account. The student is responsible for the proper use of East Lansing Public School’s technology and shall be held accountable for any damage to equipment caused by abusive use.

I agree to the terms of this technology use policy and have been educated on Internet safety, cyber-bullying awareness and response, as well as appropriate online behavior.

Student Name (Printed) _____	Grade _____
Student Signature _____	Date _____
Parent Signature _____	Date _____