

Mountain School

Internet Safety Policy

Introduction

It is the policy of Mountain School and its Board 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 (“CIPA”) [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC § 254(h)].

Definitions

Key terms, including “minor,” “technology protection measure,” “harmful to minors,” and “sexual act; sexual contact,” are as defined in CIPA.

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 CIPA, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors (which is not limited to visual depictions).

Subject to Principal approval, 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 Mountain School online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by CIPA, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including “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 Mountain School staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, CIPA, the Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act (“NCIPA”) [Pub. L. No. 106-554], and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 6552-53].

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Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of Executech (the School's IT company).

The Technology Coordinator or classroom teachers will provide age-appropriate training for students who use Mountain School's Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote Mountain School's commitment to:

- a. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Mountain School 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 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 Mountain School at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on March 24, 2025.