

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY FOR COLUMBIA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Introduction

It is the policy of the Columbia Union School District 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 (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 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.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Columbia Union School District computer network.

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 Columbia Union School District staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, Board 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.

The Columbia Union School District staff will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the district's technology. The training provided will be designed to promote the school's commitment to:

1. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in Columbia Union School District's Board Policy 6163.4 Student Use of Technology and Computer/Internet Student Use Agreement.
2. Student safety with regards to:
 - a. safety on the Internet;
 - b. appropriate behavior while online, on social networking websites, and in chat rooms;
 - c. cyberbullying awareness and response.

Following receipt of this training, the student will acknowledge that he/she received the training, understood it, and will follow the provisions of the Computer/Internet Student Use Agreement.

Adoption

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Columbia Union School District Governing Board at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on October 8, 2013.