

INTERNET SAFETY

Introduction

It is the policy of the Yolo County Office of Education to:

1. Prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications
2. Prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity
3. Prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors
4. 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.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Yolo County Office of Education 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:

1. Unauthorized access, including so-called ‘hacking,’ and other unlawful activities
2. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors

INTERNET SAFETY (continued)**Education, Supervision and Monitoring**

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Yolo County Office of Education 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 Information and Technology or designated representatives.

The Associate Superintendent or designated representatives shall provide age-appropriate instruction *regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services* for students who use the Yolo County Office of Education Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the Yolo County Office of Education commitment to:

1. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Yolo County Office of Education Internet Safety Policy
2. Student safety instruction shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. safety on the Internet,
 - b. appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms;
 - c. cyberbullying awareness and response
 - d. the dangers of posting personal information online
 - e. misrepresentation by online predators
 - f. how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats
 - g. the dangers of posting personal information online
3. 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 County Office's acceptable use policies.

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