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SUBJECT: Electronic Safety

Introduction

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

- (a) prevent user access or transmission over its computer network 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 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 Riverside 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:

- (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and
- (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Supervision and Monitoring

All members of the Riverside County Office of Education Data Processing and Network Services staff shall have the responsibility to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet protection Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Associate Superintendent of Information Technology Services or designated representatives.

CIPA Definitions of Terms

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.

Reference:

Source: Internet Safety Policies and CIPA: An E-Rate Primer for Schools and Libraries,
page 8

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51870-51884 - The Morgan-Farr-Quackenbush Education Technology Act of 1992

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6801-7005 Technology for Education Act of 1994

7001 - Internet safety policy and technology protection measures. Title III funds

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

54.520 - Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, E-rate discounts