

SUBJECT: INTERNET SAFETY/INTERNET CONTENT FILTERING

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Windham Ashland Jewett Central School District has adopted and will enforce this Internet safety policy that ensures the use of technology protection measures (i.e., filtering or blocking of access to certain material on the Internet) on all District computers with Internet access. Such technology protection measures apply to Internet access by both adults and minors that may be considered harmful or inappropriate to students. The District will provide for the education of students regarding appropriate online behavior including interacting with other individuals on social networking web sites and chat rooms. Further, appropriate monitoring of online activities of minors, as determined by the District Administration will also be enforced to ensure the safety of students when accessing the Internet.

Further, the Administration's decision to utilize technology protection measures and other safety procedures for staff and students when accessing the Internet fosters the educational mission of the school including the selection of appropriate teaching/instructional materials and activities to enhance the school's programs; and to help ensure the safety of personnel and students while online.

However, no filtering technology can guarantee that staff and students will be prevented from accessing all inappropriate locations. Proper safety procedures, as deemed appropriate by the administration will be provided to ensure compliance with the CIPA.

In addition to the use of technology protection measures, the monitoring of online activities and access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web *may* include, but shall not be limited to, the following guidelines:

- a) Ensuring the presence of a teacher and/or other appropriate District personnel when students are accessing the Internet including, but not limited to, the supervision of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging and other forms of direct electronic communications. As determined by the appropriate building administrator, the use of e-mail, chat rooms, as well as social networking Web sites, may be blocked as deemed necessary to ensure the safety of such students;
- b) Monitoring logs of access in order to keep track of the web sites visited by students as a measure to restrict access to materials harmful to minors;
- c) In compliance with this Internet Safety Policy as well as the District's Acceptable Use Policy, unauthorized access (including so-called "hacking") and other unlawful activities by minors are prohibited by the District; and student violations of such policies may result in disciplinary action; and
- d) Appropriate supervision and notification to minors regarding the prohibition as to unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding such students

SUBJECT: INTERNET SAFETY/CYBER-BULLYING

The School District is a place of tolerance and good manners. Students may not use the network or any School District computer facilities for hate mail, defamatory statements, statements intended to injure or humiliate others by disclosure of personal information (whether true false), personal attacks on others, and statements expressing animus towards any person or group by reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

Network users may not use vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language.

Network users may not post anonymous messages or forge e-mail or other messages.

Furthermore, School District computers and network facilities may not be used for any activity, or to transmit any material, that violates United States, New York State or local laws. This includes, but is not limited to any threat or act of intimidation or harassment against another person.

Notification/Authorization

The District is not responsible for inappropriate content or material accessed via a student's own personal technology or electronic device or via an unfiltered Internet connection received through a student's own personal technology or electronic device.

The District's Acceptable Use Policy will be disseminated to parents and students in order to provide notice of the school's requirements, expectations, and student's obligations when accessing the Internet.

- The District's Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering/Cyberbullying Policy must be made available to the FCC upon request. Furthermore, appropriate actions will be taken to ensure the ready availability to the public of this policy as well as any other District policies relating to the use of technology.