

CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (CIPA) POLICY

It is the belief of Jackson County School District that the use of telecommunications, including the Internet, in instructional programs is an educational strategy which facilitates communication, innovation, resource sharing, and access to information. Use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational mission, goals, and objectives of the school system.

It is the policy of the Jackson County School District to:

- Prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet and World Wide Web, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications
- Prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity
- Prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information or minors
- Comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

The superintendent shall ensure that the school district computers and other technology resources with Internet access comply with federal requirements regarding filtering software, Internet monitoring and Internet safety policies. The superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for compliance with this policy (See Policy IJ-R).

DEFINITIONS

Key terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

ACCESS to INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

- To the extent practical, A 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 for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.