

Policies

Westerly Public Schools

No. 2310

CIPA/Internet Safety Acceptable Use Measures

Westerly Public Schools has taken measures to comply with The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), requiring schools and libraries that receive discounted Internet service and equipment under the Federal "e-rate", ESEA Title III (TLCF) and LSTA programs to implement Internet Safety/AUP Measures. The filtering solution put in place by Westerly Public Schools and delivered by RINET meets the stated requirements specified below as a Technology Protection Measure. Furthermore, this Acceptable Use Policy, along with classroom supervision, meets the requirements as outlined in the Internet Safety/AUP Measures, below. Compliance with CIPA allows Westerly Public Schools to apply for E-Rate discounts under guidelines of this program. See the following link for more information:

http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.oshean.org/resource/resmgr/iboss/CIPA_Compliance.pdf

Compliance with the requirements of CIPA

These requirements are:

1. Technology Protection Measure: A Technology Protection Measure is a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access. It must protect against access by adults and minors to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or - with respect to use of computers with Internet access by minors - harmful to minors. It may be disabled for adults engaged in bona fide research or other lawful purposes. For schools, the policy must also include monitoring the online activities of minors.
2. Internet Safety Measures/AUP: Internet Safety/AUP Measures must address the following issues:
 - A. Access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web;
 - B. The safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
 - C. Unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online;
 - D. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and
 - E. Measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors.
3. Public Notice and Hearing: The authority with responsibility for administration of the school must provide reasonable public notice and hold at least one public hearing to address a proposed Technology Protection Measure and Internet Safety Policy. Record of this annual meeting can be requested from the Director of Technology.

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