



## **Student Policies BP 17-12**

### **Board Policy: Internet Safety Policy**

#### **Introduction**

It is the policy of Gateway Community Charters to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate materials via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activities; (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 defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.<sup>1</sup>

#### **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 for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research of other lawful purposes.

#### **Inappropriate Network Usage**

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Gateway Community Charters 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.

#### **Education, Supervision and Monitoring**

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Gateway Community Charters 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or their designee.

The site level administrator will ensure or provide age-appropriate training for students who use the Gateway Community Charters Internet. The training provided will be designed to promote Gateway Community Charters commitment to:

- a) The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Gateway Community Charters Internet Safety Policy;
- b) Student safety with regard to
  - a. safety on the Internet;
  - b. appropriate behavior while online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms; and
  - c. cyber bullying awareness and response
  - d. anti-bullying awareness and response (Student Policy BP 15-11)
- c) Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act (“CIPA”).

Following receipt of this training, the students will acknowledge that he/she received the training, understood it, and will follow the provisions of the Gateway Community Charters “Computer Use Guidelines for GCC Students.”

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<sup>i</sup> CIPA definitions of terms:

**MINOR.** The term “minor means an individual who has not attained the age of 17 years.

**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 the 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 pictures, 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, excretion or erection; 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
2. Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

**SEXUAL ACT; SEXUAL CONTENT.** The terms “sexual act” and “sexual contact have the meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.