

# **INTERNET SAFETY POLICY For Concordia Charter School**

## **Introduction**

It is the policy of **Concordia Charter School** to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to (or transmission 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)] and FCC Ruling 11-125.

## **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 **Concordia Charter School** 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, Monitoring and Education**

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the **Concordia Charter School** staff to educate, supervise, monitor all users as to the usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet protection

Act. Education should specifically address the following issues as stated in FCC 11-125:

- The education of minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms
- Safety/security of minors when using e-mail, chat rooms, other direct electronic communications
- Unauthorized access, including “hacking” and other unlawful activities by minors online
- Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding minors
- Cyberbullying awareness and response

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the **school director** or designated representatives.

### **Adoption**

The Board of **Concordia Charter School** adopted this Internet Safety Policy at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on **May 24, 2012**.

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.