

# POLICY

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Instruction

## **SUBJECT: INTERNET CONTENT FILTERING**

The School District, in accordance with the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act, requires all District computers with Internet access that are used by elementary and secondary students to be equipped with filtering or blocking technology. Once this filtering/blocking technology is in place, newly acquired computers with Internet access used by elementary or secondary students must be linked to this technology within 10 days of installation.

No filtering technology can guarantee that students will be prevented from accessing all inappropriate locations. Proper supervision will be provided to all students while accessing the Internet to further promote appropriate usage. Under certain supervised circumstances, authorized personnel may override the filtering/blocking technology for a limited, prescribed period of time to assist students with special projects or research. District guidelines will be developed to implement this component of the policy.

The School District shall provide certification to document the installation of filtering/blocking technology for its computers with Internet access for students. This certification will fulfill the requirements under the Children's Internet Protection Act to advance the continuation of federal Universal Service Discounts.

In accordance with New York State Education Law, the School District may provide, to students in grades K through 12, instruction designed to promote the proper and safe use of the Internet. The Commissioner shall provide technical assistance to assist in the development of curricula for such course of study which shall be age appropriate and developed according to the needs and abilities of students at successive grade levels in order to provide awareness, skills, information and support to aid in the safe usage of the Internet. The District will also educate students about appropriate online behavior, including information regarding how child predators may use the Internet to lure and exploit children, protecting personal information, Internet scams and cyber-bullying.

17 United States Code (U.S.C.)  
Section 1701 et seq.  
Education Law Section 814  
47 United States Code (U.S.C.)  
Section 254(h)(5) and (6)

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