

Pennsbury School District

School Board Policy

Effective Date	Supersedes Index No.	Index No.
05/15/2008	8005 dated 3/20/2003	815.3

Title: Internet Safety Policy

Purpose: To establish policy of the Pennsbury School District to: (a) prevent access over its computer network for the 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)].

Background: The Children’s Internet Protection Act (“CIPA”), enacted December 21, 2000, as well as H.R.1 “No Child Left Behind” enacted in January 2002, requires recipients of “E-Rate” and federal technology funds to comply with certain Internet technology protection measures and policy requirements. U.S. Department of Education programs affected by CIPA include the Star Schools programs and the technology programs under the U.S. Department of Education (formerly known as TLCF; new name yet to be determined).

Schools and libraries receiving E-Rate funds for Internet access and/or internal connection services must also meet the Internet safety policies of the Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act (“NCIPA”) that addresses the broader issues of electronic messaging, disclosure of personal information of minors, and unlawful online activities.

This document, Index No. 815.3, replaces the previous Index No. 8005 as of 05/15/2008 with no change in the policy language.

Policy: Access to Inappropriate Material
To the extent practicable, technology protection measures shall be used to monitor and block Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, monitoring and 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 practicable, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Pennsbury School District online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications as outlined in the district's, "Internet Acceptable Use Agreement." 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.

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Pennsbury School District staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet protection Act. Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Director of Information Technology or designated representatives.

Responsible

Administrator: Director of Information Technology