TITLE: INTERNET SAFETY

Introduction. It is the policy of the Board 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)].

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 for adults 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 district/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.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring. It shall be the responsibility of all members of the district 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 21st Century Act. Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Director of Technology or designated representatives.

The Principal or designated representatives will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the district/school Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the Board's commitment to:

a. the standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Board's Internet Safety Policy;

b. student safety with regard to:

i. safety on the Internet;

ii. appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and

iii. in chat rooms; and

iv. cyber bullying awareness and response.

c. compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA").

To avoid duplication of effort at the district/school levels, the WVDE has provided instructional modules that allow districts/schools to certify compliance with the new FCC regulations regarding Internet safety policies. Consideration shall be afforded to State-recommended programming. (See http://wvde.state.wv.us/technology/cipa-compliance.php. for additional information and details)

Training shall be ongoing with refresher sessions scheduled as appropriate as determined by the Director of Technology or designated representatives.

Following receipt of this training, the students will acknowledge receipt of the training, that it was understood and that the provisions of the District's acceptable use policies will be observed.

Adoption. This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Board at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on [month, day, year].

The district will continue to evaluate whether or not currently available technology protection measures, including commercial Internet blocking and filtering software, adequately address the needs of the school district and will certify its compliance with the CIPA [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

Review Schedule. This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with the Policy Review Schedule published by the Superintendent.

Legal Authority: **Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)]**

Board Adoption: **July 21, 2014**