Internet Safety Plan for
Austin Independent School District

Purpose:
Pursuant to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)], Austin ISD implements procedures that provide for the safety and security of all users of the District's technology resources. Security measures include monitoring online activities on the district's network; restricting access to materials that are harmful to minors; and annually educating all users on District policy and acceptable use guidelines with emphasis on ethical and safe use.

Network Usage Monitoring and Filtering

Electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of electronic communications shall not be considered confidential and may be monitored at any time by designated staff to

All educators must have a signed parent permission to post a picture or last name of their student.

The district provides a classroom management software tool to all campuses that allows teachers to block individual sites from the computers in their classrooms. If an educator would like to have a site blocked or unblocked they can write an email to 'filter' within AISD with an explanation of educational value for students.

Cyber safety information is available to students and their parents at http://cybersafety.austinisd.org.

The district's Acceptable Use Policy is signed yearly by students and their parents/guardians.

Each year the district provides staff training for ethical and safe use of technology resources and provides specific training to teachers, principals and staff who supervise children.

The district adheres to the Computer Equipment Safe Use Validation Standard which delineates safe use of district equipment on the AISD network.

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CIPA definitions of terms:
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