

ACCS INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

Introduction

It is the policy of the Ark Community 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; (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA); and (e) not allow any download of inappropriate material including pictures or literature that expresses sexual content, or bias towards any person's race, religion color, creed, national origin, citizenship, age, sex, sexual orientation, or nationality. [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)]. The complete policy is posted on the school's website and available in the school office.

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 the bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

Inappropriate Internet use:

Practical steps should be taken to promote safety and security to all the users of the ACCS computer network when using e-mail, instant message, chat room and other forms of internet direct communications. Specifically as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network uses includes: (a) unauthorized access including hacking and other unlawful activity (b) unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors and (c) unauthorized downloading of any inappropriate material that may be bias towards any person's race, religion color, creed, national origin, citizenship, age, sex, sexual orientation, or nationality.

Supervision and Monitoring:

It shall be the responsibility of all staff members of ACCS to supervise and monitor the use of online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet Protection act. Procedure for the disabling or other modification of any computer or the use of various technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of any staff member, intern, substitute teacher or other appropriate adult who is present during the use of computers.

The Board of ACCS adopted this Internet Safety Policy at its meeting on Tuesday June 25, 2002.

The ACCS Staff adopted this Policy at its meeting on Wednesday June 19, 2002.

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.** The term "harmful to minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:
 - (a). Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
 - (b). 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
 - (c). Taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.
4. **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.

All students are asked to sign an Internet Acceptable Use Contract. The staff employee handbook outlines staff acceptable use and all employees sign an agreement to abide by the staff employee handbook.

Internet Acceptable Use Contract for ACCS Students

I _____ agree to use the Ark Community Charter School's computers only for assigned projects. I understand that I shall not do the following:

- Visit any chat rooms.
- Use instant messenger as a form of communication.
- Visit any websites that contain pornographic or inappropriate materials.
- Visit any websites that express terrorist activity, including material that expresses discrimination.
- Share personal information on the web.
- Download anything without adult consent. (including desktops and screensavers).

If a web page described above happens to appear in a website that I have visited I agree to immediately shut the screen off and tell an adult who is in the room.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE:

_____ (Student) Date: _____

_____ (Teacher) Date: _____