

Internet Safety Policy

Introduction

The Board of Education is committed to maintaining the safety of students and staff while using the Internet. Therefore, it is the policy of Fitzgerald Public Schools 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 Fitzgerald Public Schools 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 Fitzgerald Public School's 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 Macomb Intermediate School District or designated representatives.

The teaching staff or designated representatives will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the School's Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the School's commitment to:

- a. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Fitzgerald Public School's Internet Safety Policy;

b. Student safety with regard to:

- i. safety on the Internet-see document following the Policy entitled Internet Safety Curriculum for Fitzgerald Public Schools;
- ii. appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms;
- iii. cyberbullying awareness and response. (refer to cyberbullying in Bullying Policy)

c. Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act (“CIPA”).

Following receipt of this training, the student will acknowledge that he/she received the training, understood it, and will follow the provisions of the District's acceptable use policies.

Adoption

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Board of Fitzgerald Public School’s at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on June 7, 2012.

*CIPA definitions of terms:

MINOR

. The term “minor” means any individual who has not attained the age of 17 years.

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.

HARMFUL TO MINORS.

The term “harmful to minors” means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

1. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
2. 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
3. Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

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.

Internet Safety Curriculum for Fitzgerald Schools

KINDERGARTEN

- Recommended: Faux Paws Adventures on the Internet (video, PDF book)
 - <http://www.ikeepsafe.org> (use this site)

FIRST GRADE and SECOND GRADE

- Safety pledges (primary, intermediate, middle school)
 - <http://netsmartz.org> (use this site)
- Primary Pledge
 - <http://www.netsmartz.org/Resources/Pledges>
- Router's Birthday Surprise Video:
 - http://cdn.netsmartz.org/pledges/IS_Rules_P_2010.pdf
 - <http://www.netsmartz.org/NetSmartzKids/RBS> watch online

THIRD GRADE

- Contract for third , fourth, and fifth graders
 - http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-164-18155_48889---,00.html

Use the "Student Presentations Handouts" drop down box to select the Online Safety Contract.

- Recommended site for Grades 3,4,5:
 - <http://cybersmartcurriculum.org/lessonsbygrade>

Recommended for grade 3:

- "Good Manners Everywhere" or "Everyone Wants Friends"; also "What's Private".
 - Also see: <http://www.ikeepsafe.org> and check out other "Faux Paws" videos; could assign one

FOURTH GRADE

- See contract under grade 3
 - <http://www.netsmartzkids.org/activities/meetww.htm> (talks about information that should not be given out on the internet or when using online communication)
- Recommended: “Do the Right Thing”, “The Power of Words”. “Whose Is It, Anyway?”
 - <http://cybersmartcurriculum.org>

FIFTH GRADE

- See contract under grade 3
- Also “Privacy Rules” and “Talking in Cyberspace”
 - http://cybersmartcurriculum.org/safetysecurity/lessons/4-5/handling_email_and_im/
- “Shrink the Cyberbully”
 - <http://www.mcgruff.org/#/Games>