
AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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INTERNET SAFETY

It is the policy of Aurora Public Schools to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via the Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No 106-554 and 47 USC § 254(h)].

LEGAL REFS.: 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)
 FCC 01-120, CC Docket #96-45
 20 U.S.C. 6801 *et seq.*
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CROSS REFS.: AC, Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
 EGAEA, Computer and Email
 JBC, Prevention of Bullying
 JK.1, Student Discipline - District Conduct and Discipline Code

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Definitions

As used in this policy, the terms “minor,” “obscene,” “child pornography,” “harmful to minors” and “technology protection measure,” are defined in the Children’s Internet Protection Act § 1721(c).

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, all school district computers having Internet access shall have a technology protection measure that protects against Internet or other forms of electronic communication and access to inappropriate information.

As required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material that are deemed obscene, child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be overridden for adults only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes. Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the chief information officer or designee.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of the students and staff of the Aurora Public Schools online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging and other forms of direct electronic communications.

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 Aurora Public Schools staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with

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this policy, the Children’s Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act. All online activities of minors shall be monitored by the teacher and teachers’ assistants responsible for the classroom or other place where computers are located.

The director of educational technology or designee will provide age appropriate training for students who use the Aurora Public Schools Internet facilities. The training will be designed to promote the Aurora Public Schools commitment to:

1. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set for in the Aurora Public Schools Internet Safety Policy
2. Student safety in regard to:
 - a. Safety on the Internet;
 - b. Appropriate behavior while online, on social networking websites, and in chat rooms; and
 - c. Cyberbullying awareness and response.
3. Compliance with E-Rate requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act (“CIPA”).

Following receipt of training, students will acknowledge that they received the training, understand the rules, and will follow the provisions of the District’s acceptable use policies.

Students violating this policy may be subject to discipline, including denial of computer use privileges, and suspension and/or expulsion pursuant to the School District’s Conduct and Discipline Code.

Employees violating this policy may be subject to discipline, including suspension and/or dismissal pursuant to Board policy.