

# Seguin ISD

## Internet Safety Policy

### Introduction

It is the policy of Seguin ISD 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.

\* see terms at conclusion of this document.

### Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet and other forms of electronic communications, or access to inappropriate information. Seguin uses Fortinet to filter Internet access.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or 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 educational 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 Seguin ISD 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 Seguin ISD 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Seguin ISD Executive Director of Technology or designated representatives.

Seguin ISD will advocate and educate employees, students, parents and the SISD community on Internet safety and “cyber-bullying.” Education will be provided through such means as professional development training and materials, presentations, special programs, classroom instruction of the Technology Application TEKS, and the SISD website.

The staff of Seguin ISD or designated representatives will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the Seguin ISD Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the Seguin ISD’s commitment to:

- a. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Seguin ISD 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 in chat rooms; and
  - iii. cyber bullying awareness and response.
- c. Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA").

The students and parents will acknowledge that he/she received the student handbook and student code of conduct and will follow the provisions of the District's acceptable use policies.

### **Cyber-bullying**

The Acceptable Use Policies, Student Handbook, and Code of Conduct include provisions intended to prohibit and establish penalties for inappropriate and oppressive conduct, including cyber-bullying.

Students may not use the network or any School District computer facilities for hate mail, defamatory statements, statements intended to injure or humiliate others by disclosure of personal information (whether true or false), personal attacks on others, and statements expressing animus towards any person or group by reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability. Network users may not use vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language. Network users may not post inappropriate anonymous messages or forge e-mail or other messages.

Furthermore, School District computers and network facilities may not be used for any activity, or to transmit any material, that violates United States, State of Texas or local laws. This includes, but is not limited to any threat or act of intimidation or harassment against another person.

### **Adoption**

This Internet Safety Policy was discussed by the Board of Trustees at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on November 21, 2011. The SISD Internet Safety Policy was adopted on \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Seguin ISD Internet Safety Policy - Additional Documents:**

1. Board Policy CQ Local.
2. Board Policy CQ Legal.
3. SISD Procedures Manual (for staff only).
4. Student, parent, and employee handbooks.
5. Acceptable Use Policy/Student Code of Conduct agreements signed by all students, parents and staff.
6. Parental Permission form to publish student work or release student information.
7. Acceptable Use Policy training required for all new employees.
8. K-12 Technology Application curriculum and instructional materials.
9. FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) training.

### **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.