INTERNET SECURITY

A. Access to Inappropriate Material

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

2. 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.

3. Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled, or in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

B. Inappropriate Network Usage

1. To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Ingham Intermediate School District online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

2. 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.

C. Education, Supervision and Monitoring

1. It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Ingham Intermediate School District 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. Education may take place in a variety of formats including through the use of online resources and will include items such as appropriate online behavior when using online resources and interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms, as well as cyberbullying awareness and response.
3. Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of Supervisor of Information Systems or designated representative.

LEGAL CITATION: Children’s Internet Protection Act (Public Laws No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h))

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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