

Mulvane School District, USD 263
CIPA Compliant Internet Safety Policy

Introduction

It is the policy of Mulvane USD 263 to:

- 1 Prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate materials via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications;
- 2 Prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity;
- 3 Prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors;
- 4 Comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act. [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)]

Access to Inappropriate Materials

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 materials deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be 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 Mulvane USD 263’s 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:

- 1 Unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking” and other unlawful activities;
- 2 Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Education, Supervision, and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of Mulvane USD 263 staff to educate, supervise, and monitor appropriate usage of online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children’s Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

All students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measure shall be the responsibility of the district Technology Director or designee.

Technology Filtering

Mulvane USD 263 feels that Internet filtering is a very important responsibility therefore; we have contracted with Twotrees to use their Shelterbelt service.

Shelterbelt technology utilizes state of the art filtering techniques developed by Twotrees Technologies. Shelterbelt technology sits between our Internet access point and our network to keep students and staff sheltered from that part of the Internet that most people agree is inappropriate in an educational environment. This technology filtering bars access to obscene, pornographic, and other inappropriate materials as mandated by the Children's Internet Protection Act. Shelterbelts filtering, logging, and monitoring features offer our school district complete control of our environment with flexible tools to control the level of access and intervention we choose.

Every site that is visited by any workstation is logged and permanently stored for the protection and use of the district in evaluating Internet use, the volume of traffic moving across the network and access points, where abuse tends to be.

Shelterbelts reactive filter reviews access logs each day to determine electronically whether accessed sites meet filtering requirements. If any site fails multiple checks, it is automatically placed into the blocked site database.

Shelterbelt filtering technology is combined with security and management systems to help keep school administrators in touch with Internet usage through live online data about each workstation under their charge.

Adoption

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the USD 263 School Board of Mulvane USD 263 at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on **February 9, 2015**.