

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY FOR LAZBUDDIE ISD

Introduction

The Lazbuddie Independent School District strongly believes in the educational value of electronic and internet services and recognizes their potential to support and enhance the district's curriculum and student learning. LISD will make every effort to protect students and teachers from any misuses or abuses as a result of their experience with district technology. It is the policy of Lazbuddie ISD to: (a) prevent user access over its computer networks 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)].

Applicability

Lazbuddie ISD's Internet Safety Policy applies to both students and district personnel.

Definitions

Key terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

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 defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code;
2. CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, as 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" are synonymous terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.

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. Lazbuddie ISD utilizes the Barracuda Spam Filter to filter staff e-mail accounts and the M86 Internet Filter to restrict access to inappropriate information online.

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 Lazbuddie ISD online computer networks when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications. Social media sites are blocked and inaccessible from district computers through both wired and wireless networks. Students are issued individual network usernames and passwords, and in the event of a network security breach, all student passwords are reset simultaneously. Computer desktops and program files are password protected from unauthorized modifications.

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.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use of District Technology Resources

Use of Lazbuddie ISD’s technology resources is a privilege, not a right. Failure to adhere to acceptable use policies and/or the Lazbuddie ISD’s Internet Safety Policy may subject users to warnings, usage restrictions, disciplinary actions, or legal proceedings.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Lazbuddie ISD staff to educate, supervise and actively 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.

Active monitoring, for purposes of internet and electronic communication access, means that the classroom teacher, teacher’s aide, or substitute teacher will physically move about the room and will observe and inspect the online activity of students in their care at regular, frequent

intervals. Students who are found conducting online activities that are not consistent with the task assigned may lose computer privileges or face other disciplinary consequences.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of LaReta Barber, District Technology Coordinator, or another designated district representative. The District Technology Coordinator, District Superintendent, or Campus Principal will provide age appropriate training for students who use LISD labs and/or networks at the start of each school year. The training provided will be designed to promote the LISD's commitment to:

- a. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in Lazbuddie ISD's Internet Safety Policy;
- b. Student safety with regard to:
 - i. safety on the Internet;
 - ii. appropriate behavior while 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").

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 Policy.

Acceptable Use Policy

All students and their parents receive and sign the Lazbuddie ISD Acceptable Use Policy. The AUP addresses (1) personal safety and security online, (2) illegal online activities, (3) inappropriate language, (4) respect for privacy, (5) cyber bullying, (6) network resource limits, (7) plagiarism and copyright infringement, (8) inappropriate access to material, (9) search and seizure, and (10) due process.

Disclaimers

The district makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the district networks will be error-free or without defect. The district will not be responsible for any damage incurred by network users, including, but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The district is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system. The district will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the system. Privacy of users on the district network is limited and not guaranteed.

Furthermore, Lazbuddie ISD will claim no responsibility for damages incurred as a result of the use of personal electronic devices in an attempt to circumvent district network security devices.

Adoption

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Board of Lazbuddie ISD at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on January 11, 2011.