

Internet Safety Policy for the Red Creek Central School District

Introduction

The Red Creek Central School District recognizes that effective use of technology is important to our students and will be essential to them as adults. Consequently, the School System will provide access to various computerized information resources through the District's Computer System consisting of software, hardware, computer networks and electronic communications systems. This may include access to electronic mail, on-line services, and the Internet. The District provides personnel support for such usage.

The District's Computer System is for educational and/or research use only and must be consistent with the goals and purposes of the School District. The standards of acceptable use as well as prohibited conduct by students accessing the District's Computer System are not intended to be all-inclusive. Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. In addition to the specific standards of student conduct delineated in this policy, the general requirements of acceptable student behavior expected under the District's school conduct and discipline policy and the Student Discipline Code of Conduct also apply to student access to the District's Computer System. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

It is the policy of the Red Creek Central School District to prevent access over its computer network to: (A) or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, e-mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (B) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (C) prevent unauthorized disclosure, use or dissemination of personal information of minors; and (D) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Definitions

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, 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.

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures, including Internet Filters, shall be used to block or filter Internet or other forms of electronic access to inappropriate information.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to:

- visual depictions of material deemed obscene
- child pornography,
- or any material deemed harmful to minors

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

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Red Creek Central School District's online computer network when using e-mail and other forms of electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usages includes: (A) unauthorized access, including "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 Red Creek Central 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 as well as the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools, or his/her designee.

Adoption

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Red Creek Central School Board of Education at a public meeting, following normal public meeting public notice, on _____.