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<b>CHILDREN’S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT: INTERNET CONTENT FILTERING / SAFETY POLICY</b>	473	June 30, 2014
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**BOARD POLICY**

In compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Guam Department of Education (GDOE, District) has adopted and will enforce this Internet Safety Policy that ensures the use of technology protection measures (i.e. filtering or blocking of access to certain material on the Internet) on all District computers with Internet access. Such technology protection measures apply to Internet access by both adults and minors with regard to visual depictions that are, or may be considered obscene, child pornography, or, with respect to the use of computers by minors, considered harmful to such students. Further, appropriate monitoring of online activities of minors as determined by the school administrator, will also be enforced to ensure the safety of students when accessing the internet.

The Guam Education Board’s (GEB) decision to utilize technology protection measures and other safety procedures for staff and students when accessing the Internet fosters the educational mission of the schools including the selection of appropriate teaching/instructional materials and activities to enhance the school’s programs. This policy will help ensure the safety of personnel and students while online.

However, no filtering technology can guarantee that staff and students will be prevented from accessing all inappropriate locations. Proper safety procedures, as deemed necessary by the applicable school administrators and division heads, will be enforced to ensure compliance with CIPA.

In addition to the use of technology protection measures, the monitoring of online activities and access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web *may* include, but shall not be limited to, the following guidelines:

1. Ensuring the presence of a teacher and/or other appropriate district personnel when students are accessing the Internet including, but not limited to, the supervision of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging and other forms of direct electronic communications. As determined by the appropriate school administrator, the use of email and chat rooms may be blocked as deemed necessary to ensure the safety of such students;
2. Monitoring logs of access in order to keep track of the web sites visited by students as a measure to restrict access to materials harmful to minors;
3. In compliance with this internet Safety Policy as well as the District’s Acceptable Use Policy, unauthorized access (including so-called “hacking”) and other unlawful activities

by minors are prohibited by the District and student violations of such policies may result in disciplinary action; and

4. Appropriate supervision and notification to minors regarding the prohibition as to unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding such students.

The determination of what is "inappropriate" for minors shall be determined by the District and/or designated school official(s). It is acknowledged that the determination of such "inappropriate" material may vary depending upon the circumstances of the situation and the age of the students involved in online research.

The terms "minor", "child pornography," "harmful to minors", "obscene", "technology protection measure", "sexual act", and "sexual contact" will be as defined in accordance with CIPA and other applicable laws/regulations as may be appropriate and implemented pursuant to the District's educational mission.

Under certain specified circumstances, the blocking or filtering technology measure(s) may be disabled for adults engaged in bona fide research or other lawful purposes. The power to disable can only be exercised by an administrator, supervisor or other person authorized by the Guam Department of Education.

GDOE shall provide certification, pursuant to the requirements of CIPA, to document the District's adoption and enforcement of its Internet Safety Policy, including the operation and enforcement of technology protection measures (i.e., block/filtering of access to certain material on the Internet) for all School District computers with Internet access.

**Internet Safety Instruction:**

In accordance with CIPA, GDOE will provide, to students in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, instruction designed to promote the proper and safe use of the internet. To be in compliance with FCC regulations for CIPA and E-Rate, GDOE is required to provide students instruction in appropriate online behavior, Social Networking and Cyber Bullying. Curricula for such a course of study shall be age appropriate and developed according to the needs and abilities of students at successive grade levels in order to provide awareness, skills, information and support to aid in the safe usage of the internet.

**Notification/Authorization:**

As adopted in Board Policy 379, GDOE's Acceptable Use Policy and accompanying Regulations will be disseminated to parents and students in order to provide notice of the school's requirements, expectations, and student's obligations when accessing the internet.

Student's use of the District's computer system is conditioned upon written agreement by all students and their parents/guardians that student use of the district's computer system will conform to the requirements of this policy and any regulations adopted to ensure acceptable use

of the district's computer system. All such Acceptable Use Agreements shall be kept on file by the Schools or Divisions and must be furnished upon request.

GDOE has provided reasonable public notice and has held at least one (1) public hearing or meeting to address the proposed Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy prior to Board adoption. Furthermore, appropriate actions will be taken to ensure the ready availability to the public of the GDOE's Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy, as well as any other District policies relating to the use of technology.

**Adopted by the 6<sup>th</sup> Guam Education Board 06-30-14.**