

It will be the policy of SAU 29 to comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act [Pub.L.No.16-554 and 47 USC 254 (h)] hereto referred to as CIPA. This policy follows specific guidelines to provide filtered Internet access in all public schools receiving E-Rate discounts¹ and LSTA funding².

Key terms are as defined in the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

Technology Protection Measure: 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; or NH RSA 650:1 (<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXII/650/650-1.htm>) or
2. **Child Pornography**, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or NH RSA 649-A:3 (<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXII/649-A/649-A-3.htm>) or
3. **Harmful to minors** meaning any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:
 - a. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
 - b. 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; or
 - c. Taken as whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value to minors; or a
4. **Sexual Act or Sexual Contact** as defined in 2246 of title 18, United States Code or NH RSA 632-A:3 (<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXII/632-A/632-A-3.htm>).

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 or access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by CIPA, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. For individuals age 17 years and older technology protection measures may be disabled or minimized for bona fide research or other lawful purposes. Such users will be provided with access to an unfiltered computer with a requirement of an explanation.

Inappropriate Network Usage:

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of SAU 29 online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of electronic communications. Specifically, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes:

- Unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking”, and other unauthorized disclosure,
- Use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors,
- Software piracy and violation of copyright or license agreements and
- Attempts to damage or alter equipment, software or hardware configurations
- Individuals, who violate these policies, after being warned, may be restricted from access to services and facilities. Police may be called for assistance.

Privacy and Anonymity

1. Users will not be able to access and use the Internet anonymously.
2. Sites visited by users can be recorded by filtering software.
3. A user’s requests to have sites unblocked or filters removed will be recorded in any way that can be linked to the user’s identity.

Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of SAU 29 staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and CIPA. Information about the ongoing blocking of content by filters required by CIPA will be made available to the community.

Procedures for disabling or modification to technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Director of Technology or designated staff. Internet access via wireless connection from the user's own computer may be filtered.

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¹The E-Rate is the discount that schools and libraries will receive for the acquisition of telecommunication services. Eligible schools and libraries can receive discounts of 20-90 percent on telecommunication services, Internet access and internal connections necessary for deploying technology into the classroom.

²LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) funding provides needed support to establish statewide and regional services to help local libraries save money and meet the changing demands and needs of their communities.