

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS & SPECIAL SCHOOLS
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MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

- G. Approval of the Mississippi School of the Arts Internet Safety Policy to remain in compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

Executive Summary

The document details the policy regarding the Internet Safety program to be adopted at the Mississippi School of the Arts for the 2012-2013 academic year as an addendum to the previously approved Acceptable Use Policy. The policy reflects the intent of the school to implement a safety policy with regard to the use of technology on the campus and educate students and staff on general internet safety.

This document was based upon other policies adopted in the state of Mississippi responding to the federal mandate. The policy will be distributed to all employees and students with a signature of understanding after training in 2012-13 orientation to be held in August 2012.

Recommendation Approval

Back-up material attached

Mississippi School of the Arts School District

Introduction

It is the policy of The Mississippi School of the Arts to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network 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)].

Definitions

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

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, 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 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 **Mississippi School of the Arts** 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: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called '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 **Mississippi School of the Arts'** staff to educate, supervise and 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.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Technology Director or designated representatives.

The **Mississippi School of the Arts** or designated representatives will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the **Mississippi School of the Arts** Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the **Mississippi School of the Arts**’ commitment to:

- I. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in **Mississippi School of the Arts**’ Internet Acceptable Use Policy;
- II. Student safety with regard to:
 - a. safety on the Internet;
 - b. appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms; and
 - c. cyberbullying awareness and response.
- III. 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 policies.

Adoption

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Board of the **Mississippi School of the Arts** at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on June 15, 2012.