

# MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Technology Plan - July 2006 – June 2009

### APPENDIX A

#### CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (CIPA) AND MCSD COMPLIANCE

The Children's Internet Protection Act was signed into law on December 21, 2000. Under CIPA, a school district must certify that it is enforcing a policy of Internet safety that includes the use of filtering or blocking technology. This Internet Safety Policy must protect against access, through computers with Internet access, to visual depictions that are obscene, involve child pornography, or are harmful to minors. The school district must also certify that it is enforcing the operation of such filtering or blocking technology during any use of such computers by minors.

Pursuant to the Children's Internet Protection Act, as codified at 47 U.S.C. § 254(h) and (l), the Muscogee County School District has undertaken such actions, including procurement procedures, to comply with the requirements of CIPA.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF CIPA

##### Technology Protection Measure

A Technology Protection Measure is a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access. It must protect against access by adults and minors to visual depictions that are obscene, involve child pornography, or are harmful to minors. Through Secure Computing, the Muscogee County School District subscribes to a content filtering system that is compliant with CIPA and COPA.

##### Internet Safety Policy

The CIPA guidelines for an Internet safety policy have been incorporated by the Muscogee County School District into the document Use of the Internet/Network and Acceptable Use Agreement Form. This document also includes website construction guidelines. The MCSD internet safety policy document addresses the following issues:

- a. access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web
- b. the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications
- c. unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online
- d. unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors
- e. measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors

It is the policy of MCSD 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)].

##### Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, on the MCSD WAN, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") are 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 is applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

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Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled 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 Muscogee County School District 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.

### **Supervision and Monitoring**

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Muscogee County School District staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with MCSD policy and the Children's Internet protection Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of a Network Analyst or designated representative.

### **Adoption**

The district internet safety policy was adopted by the Board of Muscogee County at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on August 20, 2001.

### **CIPA Definition of Terms**

The key terms in the MCSD document are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

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.

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.

The terms "sexual act" and "sexual contact" have the meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.

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### **Public Notice and Hearing**

The Muscogee County School District has demonstrated that it has undertaken actions to comply with CIPA by

- a. Including CIPA compliance as a topic on an agenda of the Muscogee County School Board
- b. Including CIPA compliance as a topic on an agenda of a meeting of the Muscogee County School District general administrators
- c. Including CIPA compliance as a topic on an agenda of meetings of the Muscogee County School District media specialists and instructional technology specialists

### **Internet Links for Additional Information on CIPA and Internet Safety Policies**

Full text of the Children's Internet Protection Act [http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/universal\\_service/chipact.doc](http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/universal_service/chipact.doc)

FCC regulations implementing CIPA; FCC 01-120  
[http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/2001/fcc01120.doc](http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/2001/fcc01120.doc)

SLD's FAQ on E-rate certification procedures and timing  
<http://www.sl.universalservice.org/reference/CIPAffaq.asp>