

Innovations Charter School of West Orlando

Policy and Procedures regarding Internet Safety 2024.2025

Introduction

In accordance with the State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.0957, the Innovations Charter School of West Orlando (ICS) Board of Directors hereby adopts the following Internet Safety Policy (the "Policy") to ensure that students utilize school technological resources in a safe and productive manner. The Policy is designed to promote healthy technology practices as well as ensure our schools' compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)] ("CIPA")

Access to Inappropriate Material

1. ICS will implement technology protection measures that filter or block access to material that is not appropriate for students, taking into account the subject matter and the age of the students served at the school. These measures shall be implemented on all devices owned or provided by the school or any device (including privately-owned devices) connected to school-provided internet (collectively, "School Devices").
2. Without in any way limiting the foregoing, in accordance with CIPA, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors, as that term is defined by CIPA.
3. Prior to requiring students to utilize online content on a School Device, staff must first confirm that the content is not blocked by the school's internet filter. Staff members who wish to unblock student access to particular content or social media platforms for educational purposes must first submit a detailed request to their principal (or designee) and receive written administrative approval.

Inappropriate Network Usage

1. ICS will implement technology protection measures with respect to School Devices to promote the safety and security of students and other users of the school's online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.
2. As required by CIPA and other applicable law, ICS will implement measures to prevent other forms of inappropriate school network usage, including: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

3. ICS Students will not be permitted access social media platforms on School Devices, except when expressly directed by a teacher (for an educational purpose) who has received prior written administrative approval.

Protection of Personal Information

1. ICS will prevent access to websites, web or mobile applications, or software on School Devices that do not protect against the disclosure, use, or dissemination of students' personal information.

Prohibition of TikTok and Successor Platforms

1. ICS prohibits the use of the TikTok platform, or any successor platforms, to communicate or promote the school, any before and after care program, any affiliated preschool, pre-kindergarten, or voluntary pre-kindergarten, or a school-sponsored club, extracurricular organization, or athletic team.
2. Use of the TikTok platform, or any successor platforms, shall not be permitted on School Devices or on any device accessing the CCA school network.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

1. All ICS students, administrators, faculty, staff, and School volunteers are required to adhere to the provisions of this Policy. Violations of this Policy will be addressed in accordance with the Code of Conduct and other disciplinary procedures established by the Governing Board and the schools.
2. It shall be the responsibility of all members of ICS 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.
3. Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of IT Department or designated representatives in accordance with applicable law and this Policy.
4. The IT Department or designated representatives will provide age-appropriate training for students who use school Internet resources. The training provided will be designed to promote our commitment to:
 - A. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in this Policy.
 - B. 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
- C. Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act and State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.0957.

5. Parental Notification. A copy of this policy is make available on our schools' website and available at our Parent Office on campus. The students have a modified copy of the Student Internet Safety Policy that provides details for understanding.

Annual Review - This policy is reviewed and updated at least one time a year by our Governing Board. Last review date 2.5.2024