

## INTERNET SAFETY

It is the intention of the Plattsburgh City School District:

1. to insure that users will not have access to inappropriate materials when using the internet, e-mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications provided by the district;
2. to prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by users online;
3. to prevent unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding users; and
4. to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act.

### *Definitions:*

**Child Pornography** - Any visual depiction which involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or where a depiction appears to be of a minor or has been created, adapted or modified to appear that a minor is engaging in such conduct; or is advertised, promoted, presented, described or distributed in a manner that conveys the impression that the material is or contains a visual depiction of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

**Harmful to Minors** – Any picture, image, graphic image file or other visual depiction that taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; 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 taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value as to minors.

**Inappropriate Materials** – Any material that is obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors.

**Obscene** – Any material or performance when, considering as a whole, predominantly appeals to a prurient interest in sex; or that depicts or describes in a patently offense manner actual or simulated sexual acts, sexual contact, nudity, sadism, masochism, excretion or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and that lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

**Technology Protection Measures** – A specific technology that blocks or filters internet access.

*Prevention of Access to Inappropriate Materials*

Technology protection measures shall be used to the extent practicable, to block or filter access to the internet, e-mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications by district students and other users of the district's data processing equipment. Technology protection measures shall be used for the following purposes:

1. **Safety for Minors** – to prevent access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or otherwise harmful to minors;
2. **Safety for All Users** – To prevent access to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography;
3. **Protect Confidential Information** – To prevent unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and
4. **Prevent Unauthorized Access** – To prevent unauthorized access, including “hacking”, and other unlawful activities online.

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