

# Child Internet Protection Act

## **Policy 1840**

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**Legal Ref:** PL 106.554 and 47 USC 254 (h)

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Fremont County School District No. 25 believes that the use of the internet and e-mail systems provided by the District is an educational asset for every student and staff member in the District and is considered a privilege, not a right. The District complies with the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act [PL 106.554 and 47 USC 254 (h)] and the Neighborhood Children's Protection Act.

The District employs measures to restrict minors' access to harmful materials by employing filters on computers that access the internet, that as a minimum, blocks access to the three categories of visual depictions specified by the Child Internet Protection Act as obscene, child pornography and harmful to minors. For adult usage, the District can disable the filtering for bona fide research or other lawful purposes. While the District strives to maintain the functionality of the network, it does not warrant it, the accuracy of information, or the effectiveness of Internet filtering. Students and staff are to be reminded that the privacy of system users is limited.

District staffs are required to supervise and monitor online student activity, to ensure that safety and security of minors including electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications, including instant messaging. District staffs are also required to monitor for unauthorized access, including "hacking", other unlawful activities by minors online, and for the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Methods of operation are available at each school and in the Office of the Superintendent for students, parents, and other interested persons. Failure to adhere to District network procedures and rules may subject users to warning, usage restrictions, disciplinary actions, or legal proceedings.