

# **Arkadelphia Public Schools Report to the Public on Children's Internet Protection Act**

**History:** The **Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)** requires that [K-12 schools](#) and libraries use [Internet filters](#) and implement other measures to protect children from harmful online content as a condition for the receipt of certain federal funding. It was signed into law on 21 December 2000 and was found to be constitutional by the [U.S. Supreme Court](#) on 23 June 2003.

CIPA requires K-12 schools and libraries using [E-Rate](#) discounts to operate “a technology protection measure with respect to any of its computers with Internet access that protects against access through such computers to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors...”

To be CIPA compliant, these five areas must be addressed.

## **(a) Measures to restrict a minor’s access to inappropriate or harmful materials on the Internet.**

Arkadelphia Public School Computer Network System employs a device called a “firewall” to block inappropriate Internet content. The State provided firewall is a Cisco ASA Model 5585-x. This firewall is used for the purpose of filtering inappropriate content on the State-provided Internet Service which is the Arkansas Public School Computer System (APSCN) network. A DNS service called OpenDNS by Cisco is used for Domain Name Resolution for both internal and mobile devices owned by the District as well. The purpose of this DNS service is to block inappropriate Internet content on devices that leave the District’s computer network. Chromebook (both off and on-campus) activities are also monitored by the software services of GoGuardian.

## **(b) Security and safety of minors using chat rooms, email, instant messaging, or any other types of online communications.**

The Arkadelphia Public School is a Google School. Google for Education provides these services to our schools which gives us control over them. In accordance with **COPPA** (Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act), no student under 13 years of age may have an email account. Therefore, the Email Apps in the Google domain is turned off for those students. We are able to monitor activities of online communications between students with this service. The Arkadelphia Public School’s Firewall is configured to block chat rooms and instant messaging services that are not part of Google. Students are encouraged to report any and all inappropriate content to the building authorities so that it may be dealt with according to District policies.

**(c) Unauthorized disclosure of a minor's personal information.**

Each user of the Arkadelphia Public School Computer Network must sign an acceptable usage agreement. This agreement clearly states that no personal (and/or confidential) information will be shared. This agreement covers all electronic forms of communication such as email and web pages. Any violation shall be dealt with according to policies set forth by the administration.

**(d) Unauthorized access, such as hacking, by minors.**

The "Acceptable Use of Technology" clearly states that unauthorized access to technology systems is not acceptable. A **Banner** appears before a user can log in that states this is a public school network that is monitored, and that violations shall be dealt with according to policies set forth by the administration.

**(e) Educations, Supervision, and Monitoring.**

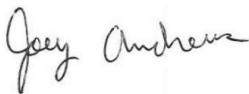
It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Arkadelphia Public School's staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

The Principal (or designated representatives at each school) has provided age appropriate training to their students who use the Arkadelphia Public Schools Internet Services. The training provided will be designed to promote the Arkadelphia Public Schools' commitment to:

- a. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Arkadelphia Pubic Schools Internet Safety Policy.
- b. Student safety with regard to:
  - I. Safety on the Internet.
  - II. Appropriate behavior while on platforms such as social networking, websites, and chat rooms.
  - III. Cyberbullying awareness and response.
- c. Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA")

The Arkadelphia Public School Computer Network System is in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act also known as CIPA.

Signed



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