



DeSoto Parish School Board

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CIPA VERIFICATION

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Steps have been taken to meet the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) that was signed into law on December 21, 2000. In order to receive Funding Year discounts for Internet Access and Internal Connections services under the universal service support mechanism, DeSoto Parish School Board, certifies a policy of Internet safety that includes measures to block or filter Internet access for both minors and adults to certain visual depictions has been implemented.

An Internet Use Policy, for both students and adult, has been approved by the local board. This policy meets the requirements of the Louisiana Department of Education, Center for Educational Technology.

The Technology Protection measures in place include the use of IBoss filtering system, one of the premier technology systems for providing protection from inappropriate content and for reporting content tracking. This technology has been implemented and managed in cooperation with the Internet Service Provider, Nexus Systems, Inc., located at 363 Venable Lane, Monroe, Louisiana 71203. This technology protects against access by adults and minors to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or with respect to use of computers with Internet access by minors that is harmful to minors. This technology may be disabled for adults engaged in bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

The local Internet Safety Policy addresses the following issues:

- access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web;
- the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
- unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online;
- unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors;
- measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors;
- measures that protects against Internet access by both adults and minors to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or, with respect to use of the computers by minors, harmful to minors;
- monitoring the online activities of minors;
- plans for educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites as well as in chat rooms; and
- plans for educating minors about cyber bullying awareness and response.

The DeSoto Parish School Board Guidelines for using the Internet were adopted on September 2, 1997. The guidelines were developed by a committee made up of teachers, administrators, students, and community members. These Guidelines are part of the District Technology Plan and are posted on the district website. The student and staff Acceptable Use Policy are part of the student handbook that students, staff, and parents sign at the beginning of each school year. The AUPs and CIPA guidelines are also placed on the school's website.

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June 16, 2014

Lisa Register
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Dear Ms. Register:

This letter is to confirm that DeSoto Parish Schools are provided Internet filtering services in conjunction with Internet access through Nexus Systems, Inc. The specific filtering software utilized is the IBoss filtering system, one of the premier technology systems for providing protection from inappropriate content and for reporting content tracking.

The service provides for filtering on the three principles of subscription service table updates, site rating, and keyword search. Additionally, the district is allowed to select from a variety of methods and filtering options.

In all cases, management reporting features will allow the customer to monitor attempts to access unacceptable sites and custom table features will allow a supervisor to grant override access to sites the subscription service tagged inappropriate. Combined with published district policies, monitoring of computer usage, and appropriate discipline, IBoss provides excellent protection from inappropriate content as intended by CIPA guidelines.

Please advise if there is any other information needed. We appreciate the opportunity to serve your Internet and communications needs.

Sincerely,

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