



L. Technology Use and Internet Safety Policy

TRCS 2 considers a computer network and access to the Internet to be a valuable tool for education and encourages the use of computers and computer-related technology in school classrooms. TRCS 2 now has the ability to enhance students' education through the use of computers on the Local Area Network and the Internet.

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are obscene, sexually lewd, and otherwise harmful to minors, despite our efforts to block, filter and monitor such materials on the TRCS 2 computer network. While our intent is to make the Internet available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from the Internet, in the form of informational resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages.

Therefore, to the extent practical, TRCS will implement technology protection measures (such as "Internet filters") which will be used to block or filter the Internet or other forms of electronic communications, and to prevent access to inappropriate content.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA"), technology protection measures will be applied to visual depictions of material deemed to be:

1. Obscene, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code;
2. Child pornography, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; and
3. Harmful to minors, as that term is defined in Section 254 of title 47, United States Code.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

It is the responsibility of the TRCS 2 faculty 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.

TRCS 2 will provide age appropriate training for students who use TRCS' Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote TRCS 2's

(a) Student awareness and training with regard to:

(i) safety on the Internet;

(ii) appropriate behavior and safety while using social networking web sites, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication;

(iii) cyberbullying awareness and response;

(iv) Unauthorized and unlawful Internet access including hacking and other unlawful activities by minors online; and

(v) Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identifying information regarding minors;

(b) The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in TRCS' Technology Use and Internet Safety Policy;

(c) Compliance with the E-rate requirements of CIPA.

Additionally, all users, including students, faculty, and staff, must comply with the following: