

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 receiving specific federal funding. It was signed into law on 21 December 2000 and was found constitutional by the [U.S. Supreme Court](#) on 23 June 2003.

CIPA requires K-12 schools and libraries to use [E-Rate](#) discounts to operate “a technology protection measure for 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's Computer Network System employs “firewall” devices to block inappropriate Internet content. The state-provided firewall is a Cisco ASA Model 5585-x. This firewall is used to filter inappropriate content on the State-provided Internet Service, which is the Arkansas Public School Computer System (APSCN) network. A DNS service called Cisco Umbrella is used for Domain Name Resolution for both internal and mobile devices owned by the District. The purpose of Cisco Umbrella is to block inappropriate Internet content on devices that leave the District’s computer network. The District uses the services of Aristotle K12. The purpose is to monitor Chromebook (both off and on-campus) activities.

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

The Arkadelphia Public School is a Google School. Google for Education provides these services to our schools, giving us control over them. Per **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 are turned off for those students. We can monitor online communication activities between students with this service. The Arkadelphia Public School’s Firewall is configured to block chat rooms and instant messaging services not part of Google. Students are encouraged to report all inappropriate content to the building authorities in accordance with 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 addressed in accordance to policies established 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 unacceptable. A **Banner** appears before a user can log in, saying that this is a public school network and that it is monitored. Violations shall be dealt with according to policies set forth by the administration.

(e) Education, 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 the Children’s Internet Protection Act, Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

The Principals (or designated representatives at each school) have 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 Public Schools Internet Safety Policy.
- b. Student safety with regard to:
 - I. Safety on the Internet.
 - II. Appropriate behavior on 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, better known as CIPA.

Signed



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