LAKE PRESTON INTERNET SAFETY POLICY ADOPTED TO COMPLY WITH THE CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT & SD CODIFIED LAW SECTION 22-24-55

I. Introduction:

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), Code of Federal Regulations - 47 CFR 54.1716 and South Dakota Codified Laws Section 22-24-55 require public schools to implement certain measures and actions to ensure that students are restricted from accessing inappropriate materials online using school owned computers. This policy is adopted to implement these state and federal requirements.

II. Internet Safety:

It is the policy of the Lake Preston School District to protect computer users from harassment and unwanted or unsolicited electronic communications. Any network user who receives threatening or unwelcomed electronic communications or inadvertently visits or accesses an inappropriate site shall report such immediately to a teacher or administrator.

- A. The Lake Preston School District has implemented a technology protection measure that blocks access to inappropriate matter such as child pornography, obscene material and material that is harmful to minors. The software blocks and filters the Internet and other forms of electronic communication both on campus and off campus.
- B. In order to protect the safety and security of our students, network users are prohibited from revealing personal information to other users when engaging in online activities including but not limited to chat rooms, email, and social networking web sites.
- C. All network users are prohibited from hacking and engaging in any unlawful online activity. All use of the system must be in support of education and research and consistent with the mission of the district. Any use of the system must be in conformity to state and federal law, and the District Acceptable Use Policy.
- D. All network users are prohibited from disclosing or disseminating personal information without proper authorization regarding minors. Staff transmissions of student's confidential information via email must be in compliance with all federal and state student privacy laws.
- E. All network users are prohibited from accessing sites or online materials that are blocked by the filter on/off campus. The filter is applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful or inappropriate for minors and the educational setting.

III. Implementation of Technology Protection Measure:

- A. All school-owned computers are required to be loaded with a technology protection measure software. The Lake Preston School District has implemented FortiGate for the Firewall through the State and Deledao to filter all on/off campus traffic.
- B. Staff members may request the Technology Protection Measure be temporarily disabled in order to conduct bona fide research or for another lawful purpose. The Technology Protection Measure must

be re-activated as soon as the staff member finishes using the computer for authorized bona fide research or other lawful purposes. Procedures for modifying any of the filtering on the software shall be the responsibility of the Technology Coordinator or designated representatives based on educational importance.

IV. Acceptable Use Policy:

Each network user is required to sign an Acceptable Use Policy annually in the form approved by the School Board. The Acceptable Use Policy shall implement this Internet Safety Policy. Violation of this policy and/or the Acceptable Use Policy shall be subject to appropriate discipline sanctions.

V. Monitoring of Online Activities:

It shall be the responsibility of all personnel of the Lake Preston School District to monitor students' online activities and use of the network to ensure that their use is in compliance with CIPA and this Internet Safety Policy. Students' use of the system will be supervised by staff in a manner that is appropriate to the age of the students and circumstances of use.

VI. Cyberbullying and Appropriate Online Education:

Students will be educated annually about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response. The implementation of this provision is delegated to the Superintendent who shall report annually to the School Board on the educational activities undertaken to comply with this subsection.

The Lake Preston School District has set in place Internet Safety Curriculum to further educate our students PK-12. The curriculum has been integrated into the current computer classes/lessons and also integrated into the classroom and counseling curriculum. The curriculum covers just some of the following information:

Online Safety, Digital Citizenship, Online Privacy, Cyberbullying, Netiquette

The Lake Preston School District recognizes technology as a basic skill necessary for success in the 21st century. Because no aspect of communication or employment has been left untouched by the Information Age, it is essential that students be equipped with the fundamentals and be given the opportunity to acquire advanced capabilities. While learning these tools it is imperative for the students to be in a safe and secure environment onsite as well as offsite.

SD Codified Law Section 22-24-55.

22-24-55. Public schools to restrict access to obscene materials on public access computers. Any public school that provides a public access computer shall do one or both of the following:

- (1) Equip the computer with software that will limit minors' ability to gain access to obscene materials or purchase internet connectivity from an internet service provider that provides filter services to limit access to obscene materials; or
- (2) Develop and implement, by January 1, 2001, a local policy that establishes measures to restrict minors from computer access to obscene materials.

§ 54.1716 Children's Internet Protection Act certifications.

- (a) Definitions —
- (1) School. For the purposes of the certification requirements of this section, school means school, school board, school district, local education agency or other authority responsible for administration of a school.
- (2) Library. For the purposes of the certification requirements of this section, library means library, library board or authority responsible for administration of a library.
- (3) Billed entity. Billed entity is defined in § 54.1700. In the case of a consortium, the billed entity is the lead member of the consortium.
- (4) Connected devices. Connected devices are defined in § 54.1700.
- (b) Who is required to make certifications?
- (1) A school or library that receives support for internet access, internet service, or internal connections services under the Federal universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries, or internet access or internet service through the Emergency Connectivity Fund, must make such certifications as described in paragraph (c) of this section. The certifications required and described in paragraph (c) of this section must be made in each funding year.
- (2) A school or library that receives support for connected devices through the Emergency Connectivity Fund and uses internet access or internet service funded through the Federal universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries or through the Emergency Connectivity Fund must make the certifications as described in paragraph (c) of this section. The certifications required and described in paragraph (c) of this section must be made in each funding year.
- (3) Schools and libraries that are not receiving support for internet access, internet service, or internal connections under the Federal universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries; internet access or internet service through the Emergency Connectivity Fund; or connected devices that do not use internet access or internet service funded through the Federal universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries or the Emergency Connectivity Fund are not subject to the requirements in 47 U.S.C. 254(h) and (l), but must indicate, pursuant to the certification requirements in paragraph (c) of this section, that they are not receiving support for such services or that the connected devices do not use internet access or internet service funded through the Federal universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries or the Emergency Connectivity Fund.
- (c) Certifications required under 47 U.S.C. 254(h) and (1).
- (1) An Emergency Connectivity Fund applicant need not complete additional Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) compliance certifications if the applicant has already certified its CIPA compliance for the relevant funding year (i.e., has certified its compliance in an FCC Form 486 or FCC Form 479).
- (2) Emergency Connectivity Fund applicants that have not already certified their CIPA compliance for an E-Rate application for the relevant funding year (i.e., have not completed a FCC Form 486 or FCC Form 479), will be required to certify:
- (i) That they are in compliance with CIPA requirements under sections 254(h) and (l);

- (ii) That they are undertaking the actions necessary to comply with CIPA requirements as part of their request for support through the Emergency Connectivity Fund; or
- (iii) If applicable, that the requirements of CIPA do not apply, because the applicant is not receiving support for internet access, internet service, or internal connections under the Federal universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries or internet access or internet service through the Emergency Connectivity Fund, or the connected devices do not use internet access or internet service funded through the Federal universal support mechanism for schools and libraries or the Emergency Connectivity Fund.
- (d) Failure to provide certifications —
- (1) Schools and libraries. A school or library that knowingly fails to submit certifications as required by this section shall not be eligible for support through the Emergency Connectivity Fund until such certifications are submitted.
- (2) Consortia. A billed entity's knowing failure to collect the required certifications from its eligible school and library members or knowing failure to certify that it collected the required certifications shall render the entire consortium ineligible for support through the Emergency Connectivity Fund.
- (3) Reestablishing eligibility. At any time, a school or library deemed ineligible for equipment and services under the Emergency Connectivity Fund because of failure to submit certifications required by this section may reestablish eligibility for support by providing the required certifications to the Administrator and the Commission.
- (e) Failure to comply with the certifications —
- (1) Schools and libraries. A school or library that knowingly fails to comply with the certifications required by this section must reimburse any funds and support received under the Emergency Connectivity Fund for the period in which there was noncompliance.
- (2) Consortia. In the case of consortium applications, the eligibility for support of consortium members who comply with the certification requirements of this section shall not be affected by the failure of other school or library consortium members to comply with such requirements.
- (3) Reestablishing compliance. At any time, a school or library deemed ineligible for support through the Emergency Connectivity Fund for failure to comply with the certification requirements of this section and that has been directed to reimburse the program for support received during the period of noncompliance may reestablish compliance by complying with the certification requirements under this section. Upon submittal to the Commission of a certification or other appropriate evidence of such remedy, the school or library shall be eligible for support through the Emergency Connectivity Fund.
- (f) Waivers based on state or local procurement rules and regulations and competitive bidding requirements. Waivers shall be granted to schools and libraries when the authority responsible for making the certifications required by this section cannot make the required certifications because its state or local procurement rules or regulations or competitive bidding requirements prevent the making of the certification otherwise required. The waiver shall be granted upon the provision, by the authority responsible for making the certifications on behalf of schools or libraries, that the schools or libraries will be brought into compliance with the requirements of this section before the close of the relevant funding year.