



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY BULLETIN

TITLE: Policy Regarding Internet Safety for Students

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POLICY: All students who are provided access to the Internet must participate in an Internet Safety Education Program. Teachers, administrators, and staff are responsible for providing Internet safety education and must comply with this policy.

MAJOR CHANGES: Changes have been made to accommodate stricter Federal laws around accountability.

BACKGROUND: The use of the Internet in schools and at home can have a major positive impact on a student's education. The use of the Internet also presents certain risks, which can be reduced greatly when students learn how to use their online access safely and appropriately.

State and Federal laws require K-12 institutions to provide a safe learning environment, which includes Internet use at schools. The federal *Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act* was signed into law in October 2008 as part of the *Broadband Data Improvement Act*. In November 2009, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) proposed rules and procedures for implementing this legislation, including the following:

- "The Internet safety policy adopted and enforced pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 254(h) ... must educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response."
- "A recipient of E-rate funding for Internet access and internal connections should be required to certify, on its FCC Form 486 for funding year 2010, that it has updated its Internet safety policy to include plans for educating minors about appropriate online behavior ... as required by the Protecting Children in the 21st Century."

PROCEDURES: LAUSD's network infrastructure that provides Internet access to students is supported in large part through the Federal E-rate program. Participating in E-rate as well as other Federal funds requires all schools to comply with Bulletin 999.5: *Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for District Computer and Network Systems* (May 1, 2012).

Schools providing Internet access to students must educate their students in accordance with the *Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act* as described above.

In an effort to ensure compliance with the law and provide a safe online environment for students and staff, several free resources that can be used by elementary, middle, and high schools. These resources can be found at <http://edtech.lausd.net/safety>. Schools should be prepared for internal reviews to assure compliance.



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RELATED RESOURCES:

- Antibullying Policy (In Schools, at School-Related Events, and Traveling to and from School), Bulletin No. BUL-1038.1, dated August 16, 2004, issued by the Office of the Chief Operating Officer
- Social Media Policy for Employees and Associated Persons, Bulletin No. BUL-5688.0, dated February 1, 2012, issued by the Office of the Superintendent
- <http://edtech.lausd.net/safety>
- <http://www.lausd.net/lausd/techplan>
- <http://edtech.lausd.net>

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