

NINER UNIVERSITY ELEMENTARY INTERNET SAFETY

I. Introduction

It is the policy of NUE to: (a) prevent user access via its technological resources to, or transmission of, inappropriate material on the Internet or through electronic mail or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access to the Internet and devices or programs connected to or accessible through the Internet; (c) prevent other unlawful online activity; (d) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (e) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Some provisions of this Policy may be carried out by the local school system due to its partnership with NUE.

II. Definitions

Key terms used in this Policy are defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act.

III. Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") will be used to block or filter access to inappropriate information on the Internet and World Wide Web. Specifically, blocking will be applied to audio and visual depictions deemed obscene or to be child pornography or harmful to minors. Student access to other materials that are inappropriate to minors will also be restricted. NUE has determined that audio or visual materials that depict violence, nudity, or graphic language that does not serve a legitimate pedagogical purpose are inappropriate for minors. The NUE principal, in conjunction with others, shall make a determination regarding what other matter or materials are inappropriate for minors. NUE personnel may not restrict Internet access to ideas, perspectives, or viewpoints if the restriction is motivated solely by disapproval of the viewpoints involved.

A student or employee must immediately notify the appropriate school official if the student or employee believes that a website or web content that is available to students through NUE's Internet access is obscene, constitutes child pornography, is "harmful to minors" as defined by CIPA, or is otherwise inappropriate for students. Students must notify a teacher or the principal; employees must notify the principal or designee.

Due to the dynamic nature of the Internet, sometimes Internet websites and web material that should not be restricted are blocked by the Internet filter. A student or employee who believes that a website or web content has been improperly blocked by NUE's filter should bring the website to the attention of the principal. The principal shall confer with the technology director to determine whether the site or content should be unblocked. The principal shall notify the student or teacher promptly of the decision.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled during use by an adult for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

IV. Inappropriate Network Usage

All users of NUE technological resources are expected to comply with the requirements established in the NUE policy, Responsible Use of Technology. In particular, users are prohibited from: (a) attempting to gain unauthorized access, including “hacking” and engaging in other similar unlawful activities; and (b) engaging in the unauthorized disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identifying information regarding minors.

V. Education, Supervision, and Monitoring

To the extent practical, steps will be taken to promote the safety and security of users of NUE’s online computer network, especially when they are using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications, while they are on NUE’s campus. It is the responsibility of all school personnel to educate, supervise, and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this Policy and applicable state and federal laws.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures are the responsibility of the technology director or designated representatives.

The technology director or designated representatives shall provide age-appropriate training for students who use NUE’s Internet services. The training provided will be designed to promote NUE’s commitment to educating students in digital literacy and citizenship, including:

- A. the standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in NUE policy, Responsible Use of Technology;
- B. student safety with regard to safety on the Internet, appropriate behavior while online, including behavior on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response; and
- C. compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act.

Following this training, teachers should document that each of their students received the training.

The principal may develop any rules needed to implement this Policy and shall submit any certifications necessary to demonstrate compliance with this Policy.

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