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Internet Safety Policy

It is the policy of Discovery High School to:

- (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications;
- (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity;
- (i) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and
- (i) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No.106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

Definitions. Key terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") are used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, and access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking is applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. All student computers have filters. Discovery High School is managed by various means of content filter and web filter restrictions to ensure safe and age-appropriate web browsing for our students. Using firewall content filters on campus as well as managed chrome browser settings on and off campus, all student devices are made safe for student browsing to the best of our abilities.

Inappropriate Network Usage

The following uses of Discovery High School's Internet facilities by students are always unacceptable:

- Illegal sharing of intellectual property, such as music, movies, and photographs
- Social networking sites; all social media (including TikTok) is prohibited from use by student devices owned by Discovery High School, as well as from any device connected to the network infrastructure on or off campus
- Email and other messaging services (Unless these services are part of the student's vehicle for communication with their family. In that case, this form of usage will be under direct adult supervision)

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- Skype and other video conferencing services (Unless this service is part of the student's vehicle for communication with their family. In that case, this form of usage will be under direct supervision of an adult)
- Viewing pornography and/or adult sexual content
- Commercial purposes
- Streaming media
- Cyberbullying and/or other forms of harassment
- Hacking
- Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors

Safety and Security

Discovery High School monitors all email through Chrome and Securly. Administration and our Information Technology (IT) team are alerted to any suspicious activity. All other forms of direct communication are limited by either device restrictions and/or the forementioned content and web filters. Access to the use of VPNs as well as the terminal or command prompts is strictly prohibited and blocked from non-admin access.

Supervision, Education, and Monitoring

A staff member must be present at all times when students are accessing the Internet and should remain vigilant to make sure that students are using the internet for acceptable uses, under the law and under this policy. If a staff member detects unacceptable uses of Discovery High School's internet facilities, he/she should take immediate action to terminate that use. In addition, if a staff member finds that students are accessing content that is inappropriate, that staff member should report the URL of the inappropriate content to the (IT) team, so that it may be added to our content filtering solution. Discovery High School uses similar measures listed above; access to websites, software, and access to any social media platform is restricted to students. Every effort is made by Discovery High School to have already established access to all required websites and applications needed for educational purposes. In the event, that a website or applications is blocked or missing from a student's device, a system is in place for teachers and administration to contact the IT team to address the situation.

It is the responsibility of all members of Discovery High School's staff to not only supervise and monitor computer usage, but to educate students with regard to appropriate usage of online computer network and access to the Internet. With this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the

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21st Century Act are complied with. Discovery High School's teachers will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote Discovery High School's commitment to:

- The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in Discovery High School's Internet Safety Policy;
- Student safety with regard to:
 - o Safety on the Internet
 - o Appropriate behavior while online, on social networking sites, and in chat rooms. (Students, while not allowed to access social networking sites and chat rooms with the school's computers, it is important that they understand what appropriate usage means)
 - o Cyberbullying awareness.
 - o Compliance with the E-Rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

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