

# Internet Safety Policy

## Brady Independent School District

---

### **Introduction**

It is the policy of Brady Independent School District to:

- Prevent user access over its computer network to, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic email, or other forms of direct electronic communications.
- Prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity.
- Prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors.
- Comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act.

### **Definitions**

Key terms are defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act\*

### **Access to Inappropriate Material**

- Technology protection measures by Brady ISD (or "Internet Filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information.
- Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, Brady ISD shall apply blocking to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.
- Subject to staff supervision, technology measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

### **Inappropriate Network Usage**

Steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of Brady ISD's online computers network when using electronic email, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes:

- Unauthorized access, including "hacking" and any other unlawful activities.
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification of information in regards to minors.

### **Education, Supervision and Monitoring**

It shall be the responsibility of all members of Brady ISD to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with

this policy, the Children’s Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act.

Procedures for disabling or modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of Superintendent or designated representatives.

The Superintendent or designated representative will provide age- appropriate training for students who use Brady ISD’s Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote Brady ISD’s commitment to:

- The Standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in Brady ISD’s Internet Safety Policy;
- Student Safety with regard to:
  - i. safety on the Internet;
  - ii. appropriate behavior online, on social networking web sites, and in chat rooms; and
  - iii. cyberbullying awareness and response.
- Compliance with the E-Rate requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act (“CIPA”)

Following the completion of this training, the student will acknowledge that he/she received the training, and understood it, and will follow the provisions of the Districts acceptable use policies.

### **Adoption**

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Board of Brady Independent School District at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on June 18, 2012

\*CIPA definitions of terms:

**MINOR.** The term “minor” means any individual who has not attained the age of 17 years.

**TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURE.** The term “technology protection measure” means a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are:

1. **OBSCENE**, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code;
2. **CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or
3. Harmful to minors.

**HARMFUL TO MINORS.** The term “harmful to minors” means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

1. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
2. Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or stimulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or lewd exhibitions of genitals; and
3. Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

**SEXUAL ACT; SEXUAL CONTACT.** The term “sexual act” and “sexual contact” having the meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.