

BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Policy IJND

Internet Safety Policy

As required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA), this policy certifies Braintree Public Schools’ implementation of technology protection measures to block or filter Internet access to pictures that are: (a) obscene; (b) child pornography; or (c) harmful to minors (for computers that are accessed by minors).

As outlined in the BPS Network & Technology Responsible Use Policy, users have no expectation of privacy within the BPS system (Sections 5 & 7); this provision allows for the monitoring of minors’ online activities in accordance with CIPA. Additional components of CIPA compliance addressed in the district’s Network & Technology Responsible Use Policy include:

- Access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet; (Sections 2 & 3)
- The safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications; (Section 4)
- Unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking,” and other unlawful activities by minors online; (Section 3)
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; (Section 4)
- Measures restricting minors' access to materials harmful to them (Section 2).

As required by the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, Braintree Public Schools (BPS) provides for educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including but not limited to the appropriate online behavior for interacting with other individuals via email, on social networking websites, and in chat rooms. In addition, BPS educates students in age-appropriate awareness of cyberbullying and both an individual user’s response and BPS educators’ and administrators’ responses. This policy provides for the education of minors about appropriate online behavior.

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