Frankston ISD Internet Safety Procedures

It shall be the policy of Frankston ISD to institute an Internet Safety Procedure. This procedure affects the use of technologies in place at Frankston ISD. This procedure will be distributed to all students and staff and posted on our web site. This procedure will accomplish the following tasks:

- Block or filter access to visual or obscene material from the Internet, or other sources
- Block or filter access to child pornography from the Internet or other sources
- Block or filter access to material and resources harmful to minors
- Prohibit the use of technology for illegal, immoral, or unethical reasons
- Comply with all state, federal, local and district guidelines regarding the use of technology

Access by minors and staff to inappropriate matter using the Internet or other technologies
No student or staff member shall access inappropriate material via the Internet while using school resources and/or equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, pornographic sites, child pornography, visual or verbal depiction's of pornographic acts, racist sites or remarks, illegal activities, and any other site that is unlawful, immoral, or unethical. This policy includes all technology resources such as computers, phones, VCRs, or TVs.

Access to chat rooms, instant messaging, forums, "blogging" sites, and Usenet groups
No student will participate in any chat room, instant messaging, forum, "blogging" site or Usenet group without the prior approval of the teacher and administration, and then only to accomplish a recognized educational objective. Students and staff will not use phones or other communication technologies to call 900 or other numbers that are graphic or unethical in nature.

Carrying out "hacking" or other unlawful/unethical activities
No student or staff member will engage in computer sabotage, hacking, or the generation of computer viruses, worms, or Trojan horses. This includes the release of software known to be harmful to other computer systems. No student or staff member shall use Frankston ISD technology resources in an attempt to defraud or extort others.

E-mail use
No student or staff member shall use e-mail to send or receive pornographic/obscene material. No student or staff member shall engage in intimidation, spamming, racism, inappropriate language, or any other unlawful/unethical activity using e-mail.

Disclosure of personal information
No student shall disclose personal information about themselves or others over the Internet or through the use of a fax or telephone. No staff member shall disclose personal information about a student or others over the Internet. This includes medical, academic, or personnel data, unless required by law or the appropriate party signs a written release.

Specific Protection Measures

Filtering software
Filtering software will be used to block and filter access to the Internet. Frankston's Internet Service Provider, Region VII, uses 8e6 filtering software to block access to pornographic and obscene sites. This feature is in place and active at all times Internet access is available. All computers connected to the Internet will be required to access it through the filter in place at the Internet Service Provider. New sites will be added and blocked as needed.

Logging of Internet use
Inappropriate use of the Internet can be recorded in a log file. The technology staff will periodically check the log for unauthorized site access, or prolonged internet use by students or staff.

Responsible use agreement
All students will sign and date a responsible use agreement before being allowed to use the Internet. This agreement will list various activities prohibited in the use of technology and explain some possible consequences of misuse. All FISD staff will read and sign a responsible use policy agreement.

E-mail protection
The use of e-mail by staff will be for approved use only. The FISD e-mail system is protected by anti-virus software that filters all e-mail prior to delivery to individual accounts.

In the event of a possible legal infraction, Frankston ISD will cooperate with any investigation by local, state, or federal officials. Any infraction by students will be dealt with according to school discipline policies, and may result in the expulsion of the student.