

# Policy 6163.1: Internet – Safety Policy

It is the policy of Education Service Unit 10 that access to the Internet provided by ESU 10 is expected to be used as an educational and/or work-related resource and that such access shall be made available subject to such rules and regulations as may be established, provided that no use shall be permitted which, in the judgment of the Board of Directors of ESU 10, is in any way prejudicial to the best interest of the unit or in conflict with the ESU 10 Program of Services.

The ESU 10 Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse access to the Internet by ESU 10 to anyone when it deems it necessary in the public interest.

## Definitions

1. Access to the Internet - A computer shall be considered to have access to in the Internet if such computer is equipped with a modem or is connected to a computer network which has access to the Internet.
2. Minor shall mean an individual who has not attained the age of 19.
3. Obscene shall have the meaning given such term in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code.
4. Child pornography shall have the meaning given such term in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code.
5. Harmful to minors shall mean any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:
  - a. taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
  - b. depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, and actual or simulated sexual act or sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
  - c. taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.
6. Hacking shall mean attempting to gain unauthorized access to computer and network systems connected to the Internet.
7. Technology protection measure shall refer to a proxy server managed by ESU 10 that blocks and/or filters Internet access or other means by which access may be blocked and /or filtered.
8. Authorized staff member as used herein shall refer to an adult staff member appointed by the Cozad Community Schools Technology Committee.
9. Technology Committee (Computer Systems/Information Systems) as used herein shall refer to a group of Cozad Community Schools staff including the following:
  - a. High School Principal
  - b. Information Technology Staff
  - c. Two (2) staff members from the High School
  - d. Two (2) staff members from the Middle School
  - e. Two (2) staff members from the Elementary Schools.

### Access to Internet by Minors

Minors accessing Internet services provided by Cozad Community Schools shall be subject to the following rules and regulations:

1. Minors shall not access material that is obscene, child pornography, harmful to minors, or otherwise inappropriate for educational.
2. Minors shall not use Cozad Community Schools' technology or Internet resources to engage in hacking or attempts to otherwise compromise any computer or network system's security.
3. Minors shall not engage in any illegal activities on the Internet.
4. Minors should only use electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications for purposes related to education within the context of a school-related assignment activity.
5. Minors shall not disclose personal identification information on the Internet.

### Access to Internet by Adults

Adults accessing Internet services provided by Cozad Community Schools shall be subject to the following rules and regulations:

1. Adults shall not access material that is obscene, child pornography, or otherwise inappropriate for training or work-related uses.
2. Adults shall not use Cozad Community Schools' technology resources to engage in unauthorized hacking or attempts to otherwise compromise any computer or network system's security.
3. Adults shall not engage in illegal activities on the Internet.

### Technology Protection Measure

Cozad Community Schools shall use a technology protection measure that blocks and/or filters Internet access to prevent access to Internet sites that are not in accordance with the policies of Cozad Community Schools.

1. The technology protection measure that blocks and /or filters Internet access may be disabled by an authorized staff member for bona fide research purposes with permission of the immediate supervisor of the staff administrator of Cozad Community Schools.
2. An authorized staff member may override the technology protection measure that blocks and/or filters Internet access for a minor to access a site for bona fide research or other lawful purposes during which time the minor will be monitored directly by the authorized staff member or his/her designee.

### Policy Violations

Any violation of this policy may result in the loss of access to the Internet by Cozad Community Schools and/ESU 10. Additional disciplinary action may be determined in accordance with existing procedures and practices, both administrative and as stipulated in Cozad Community Schools and/or ESU 10 board policy, and including applicable law enforcement agencies when necessary.