

AUSD Internet Safety Policy

Albany Unified School District (AUSD), in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)], will do the following in order to create a safe computing environment for the AUSD community, including its students, faculty, and staff:

1. Block or filter Internet access to pictures that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to students.
2. Monitor the online activities of students.
3. Educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interactions with others on the Internet, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

AUSD employs a content filter at the border of the AUSD network that monitors all inbound and outbound Internet traffic (BP 6163.4, Student Use of Technology). The content filter has been configured to restrict students from accessing inappropriate or harmful material while they are on the AUSD network.

Further network security measures exist on the AUSD network that can identify and classify the network traffic for individual users or, at the least, class of user (staff, elementary student, high school student, etc.). These tools allow AUSD staff to monitor online activities for suspicious, harmful, or inappropriate behavior as well as take steps to mitigate this behavior once it has been identified.

AUSD, as required by the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, has developed a digital citizenship curriculum that will educate students, over the course of their AUSD careers, about appropriate online behavior, safety, cyberbullying, intellectual property, and information literacy.

AUSD also maintains an Internet Acceptable Use Agreement (BP 6163.4, Student Use of Technology) that must be agreed to by staff, students, and parents that defines network privileges, etiquette, and acceptable versus unacceptable use of the AUSD network and computing resources. Unacceptable use includes, but is not limited to, the transmission of pornographic or disparaging content, use of another user's accounts, "hacking" into restricted network or computing resources, or otherwise illegal behavior.

AUSD makes every reasonable effort to protect private student data records from unauthorized disclosure and will only willingly share data to third parties identified by AUSD as promoting the educational mission of the district and in accordance with law.