The Charter School of Wilmington’s (CSW)  
Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)  
for  
Technological, Internet, Intranet, e-Mail, and  
Learning Management Systems

**Philosophy:** Technology is a key element in a student’s successful matriculation from the CSW. All users of CSW Technology will concentrate on utilizing available technology for the sole purpose of facilitating learning, teaching, support, and research. In tandem, they will refrain from any activities that would hinder, incapacitate, or compromise any of these systems or CSW users. Users of CSW Technology should fully understand that as a public school system, both Federal and State laws govern the use of technological systems and they are expected to abide by them. Being publicly funded, there are security safeguards in place as well as monitoring devices that eliminate any expectation of privacy. If unsure about any specific use of CSW Technology, users will confer with the CSW Technology Department prior to proceeding.

**Technological** communication and data systems are currently composed of, but not limited to:

a) CSW e-mail accounts and other tools associated with Google™ Apps; and  
b) the e-School Plus™ database; and  
c) other unspecified databases and servers; and  
d) any Course or Learning Management Systems such as Moodle™; and  
e) CSW routers, switches, wiring and computer systems; and  
f) the CSW Website; and  
g) any electronic, whether digital or analog based, classroom or school-wide system incorporated into the technological infrastructure of the school.

**Internet Resources**

The internet is an invaluable resource for use of communication and knowledge. It is the responsibility of the users to use the internet resource for positive results and not for harmful acts upon the organization, its employees, or students.

It is the policy of The Charter School of Wilmington to:

(a) Prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications  
(b) Prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity  
(c) Prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors  
(d) Comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].
Definitions

Key terms are as defined in the Children’s Internet Protection Act.*

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or “Internet filters”) shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information. These filters are created and applied by the state of Delaware Department of Technology & Information.

Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Charter School of Wilmington online computer network when using electronic mail, 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:

(a) Unauthorized access, including so-called ‘hacking,’ and other unlawful activities
(b) Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Charter School of Wilmington staff 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 21st Century Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of Technology Coordinator or designated representatives.
The Technology Coordinator or designated representatives will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the Charter School of Wilmington Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the Charter School of Wilmington’s commitment to:

(a) The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Charter School of Wilmington Internet Safety Policy;
(b) Student safety with regard to:
   i. safety on the Internet;
   ii. appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms; and
   iii. cyberbullying awareness and response.
(c) Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act (“CIPA”).

Following receipt of this training, the student will acknowledge that he/she received the training, understood it, and will follow the provisions of the District's acceptable use policies.

I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to support the philosophy of The Charter School of Wilmington regarding technological systems dedicated to learning as listed above and agree that I will use these systems with propriety and respect. Should I deviate from this philosophy and cause harm to the community or learning environment through my actions as a user, I understand that disciplinary action will be taken that can range from a revocation of my user status to suspension or expulsion.

Printed Full Student Name  Printed Full Parent Name
________________________________________________________________________
Signature of Student/Date  Signature of Parent/Date
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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 simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
3. Taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

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