

**MENANDS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**INTERNET SAFETY POLICY**

It is the intention of the Menands Union Free School District (1) to ensure that users will not have access to inappropriate materials when using the internet, e-mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications provided by the Menands UFSD; (2) to prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by users online; (3) to prevent unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding users, and (4) to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act. [20USC6801 and 47USC254(h)].

**DEFINITIONS:**

- 1. Child Pornography - Any visual depiction which involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or where a depiction appears to be of a minor or has been created, adapted or modified to appear that a minor is engaging in such conduct; or is advertised, promoted, presented, described or distributed in a manner that conveys the impression that that the material is or contains visual depiction of minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct.**
- 2. Harmful to Minors - Any picture, image, graphic image file or other visual depiction that taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex or excretion; 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 taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value as to minors."**
- 3. Inappropriate Materials - Any material that is obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors.**

- 4. Obscene - Any material or performance when, considering as a whole, predominantly appeals to a prurient interest in sex; or that depicts or describes in a patently offensive manner actual or simulated sexual acts, sexual contact, nudity, sadism, masochism, excretion or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and that lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.**
- 5. Technology Protection Measures - A specific technology that blocks or filters internet access.**
- 6. Users - All Menands School employees and students.**

#### **PREVENTION OF ACCESS TO INAPPROPRIATE MATERIALS**

**Technology protection measures shall be used, to the extent practicable, to block or filter access to the internet, e-mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications by Menands School users. Technology protection measures shall be used for the following purposes:**

- 1. Safety for Minors - To prevent access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography or otherwise harmful to minors.**
- 2. Safety For All Users - To prevent access to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography.**
- 3. Protect Confidential Information - To prevent unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.**
- 4. Prevent Unauthorized Access - To prevent unauthorized access, including "hacking", and other unlawful activities online.**