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The use of technology is a privilege and an important part in Our Children's Academy's (OCA) curriculum. OCA will, from time to time, make determinations on whether specific uses of technology are consistent with OCA policies for students and employees but does not warrant that the technology resources will meet any specific requirements of users, or that it will be error free or uninterrupted. OCA always reserves the right to monitor and log technology use, to monitor file server space utilization by users, and examine specific network usage (as may be deemed necessary) for maintenance, safety or security of the technology resources or the safety of the user. OCA will educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites, in chat rooms, cyber bullying awareness, and response.

It is the policy of OCA 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 and damage to school resources; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) [Publ. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

#### **Access to Inappropriate Material**

To the extent practicable, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") are used to block or filter Internet access to, or other forms of electronic communications containing, inappropriate information. Filtering, or blocking, is applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene, child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors, as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act. The filter serves to block minors from accessing inappropriate matter on the Internet and the World Wide Web. The technology protection measures may be disabled only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes. Additionally, it shall be the responsibility of all members of the staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet and ensure that the same is in accordance with this policy. By using the filter program as well as staff monitoring student use, OCA is attempting to provide a safe and secure medium by which students can use the Internet, World Wide Web, electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications.

To the extent reasonable, steps are taken to promote the safety and security of users of the OCA online computer network. Other inappropriate network usage that OCA intends to eliminate includes:

1. Unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities; and
2. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.