

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SCHOOL INTERNET SAFETY POLICY**  
**Mason Run High School**

The Governing Authority (the "Board") of East Columbus Drop Back In, dba Mason Run High School (the "School"), a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, hereby resolves as follows:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Board believes that technology and its utilization enhances the quality and delivery of education and is an important part of preparing children for life in the 21st century. The community of technology users must understand that the Internet is a global, fluid community, which remains largely unregulated. While it is an extremely valuable educational tool, there are sections that are not commensurate with community, school, or family standards. Mason Run High School believes that the Internet's advantages far outweigh its disadvantages and will provide Internet filtering that blocks access to a large percentage of inappropriate sites. It should not be assumed that users are completely prevented from accessing inappropriate materials or from sending or receiving objectionable communications.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board and School considers access to the Internet using its computer resources (hardware and/or software) a privilege, not a right. Therefore, users violating the Mason Run High School Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) may be subject to revocation of these privileges and potential disciplinary action.

It is the policy of Mason Run High School to:

1. prevent users from accessing or transmitting inappropriate material over its computer resources via the Internet, electronic text/mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications;
2. prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity;
3. prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and
4. comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

**Access to Inappropriate Material**

To the extent practical, technology protection measures including Internet filters shall be used on SCHOOL provided computers to block or filter the Internet or other forms of electronic communications and access to inappropriate information. The School filters Internet access through the use of z-Scaler Web Security.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA – for more information on the CIPA requirements, please visit this URL: <http://www.fcc.gov/guides/childrens-internet-protection-act>), blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or to child pornography or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

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

### **Inappropriate Technology Resource Usage**

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of Mason Run High School's online computer systems 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:

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

### **Training: Student Safety and Digital Citizenship**

To help ensure student safety and citizenship in online activities, students will be educated about appropriate behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyber-bullying awareness and response.

### **Supervision and Monitoring:**

School and network administrators and their authorized employees monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that uses are secure and in conformity with this policy. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the school's information networks in order to further the health, safety, discipline, or security of any student or other person, or to protect property. They may also use this information in disciplinary actions, and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement.

As noted above, every school-issued computer is preinstalled with an Internet content filter pursuant to federal regulations. The filter is not to be removed because it blocks access to sites deemed inappropriate as well as sites that have no educational value. Social networking sites, pornography, gambling, and proxy sites are blocked through the filter. Uses of instant messenger applications are not permitted on the school computers and are also blocked.

When students are working outside of school facilities, or the direct supervision of school staff, parents must monitor their children's compliance with these standards. Students who violate these standards may face a loss of Internet access, the loss of school-owned computer equipment, other disciplinary measures, and/or legal action. Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any

technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the School's Executive Director.

**Public Review:**

The Internet Safety Policy was shared with the school community via the School Website, student/parent handbook and will be shared during a public meeting on Internet safety as part of the \_\_\_\_\_ 2016 Charter School Board meeting. Revisions to the Internet Safety Policy will be on an as needed basis by the Board and in partnership with EMG School Technology Department.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

Moved by MS. GIBSON, seconded by MR. THOMAS

| Board Member Name/Initials | YES | NO | Other (Not Present, Abstain, etc) |
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| Desmond Bryant             |     |    |                                   |
| Kim Gibson                 |     |    |                                   |
| Cyndy Rees                 |     |    |                                   |
| Stefan Thomas              |     |    |                                   |
| Anthony Forte, Chairman    |     |    |                                   |
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Executed and adopted by a vote of the Board on this 25th day of August, 2016.

Anthony Forte, Chairman  
Mason Run High School