

## **Internet Safety Policy**

(Adopted by the Stickney-Forest View Public Library District Board of Trustees September 23, 2015)

### Introduction

The Stickney-Forest View Public Library District strives to provide comprehensive, beneficial, and safe access to the Internet and the wealth of resources and educational tools it offers. This Internet Safety Policy has been developed to serve the needs of students and staff while upholding all other existing district policies. All provisions within this policy comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)]. As such, it is the Stickney-Forest View Public Library District's policy to facilitate for our youth patrons, the prevention of access to inappropriate material, monitor and supervise network usage to the best of the library's ability, and to promote the education of appropriate Internet usage and the prevention of harmful online behaviors.

### Access to Inappropriate Material

Technology protection measures (Internet filters) shall be used by The Stickney-Forest View Public Library District to filter access to online material which may be harmful to children. These filters shall:

1. Prevent users from accessing inappropriate material (including (but not exclusive to) visual depictions of material that has been deemed obscene or harmful to minors) over the District's networks, or using any of the District's technology resources to distribute such materials.
2. Allow modification to provide less restrictive access as required, for bona fide research or other lawful purposes
3. Comply with the requirements set forth in the Children's Internet Protection Act

### Supervision and Monitoring

In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, minors' use of the District's networks, technology resources, and Internet access shall be supervised and monitored in order to ensure safety and to prevent inappropriate network usage. Parents are strongly encouraged however, to assume responsibility for their children's access to information while in the library – electronic or otherwise. Procedures to disable or modify Internet filters and other protection measures to allow for bona fide research will be in place, and shall be the responsibility of the Stickney-Forest View Public Library District. This supervision shall (in conjunction with the use of filters):

1. Ensure the safety of minors using electronic communications
2. Prevent access to potentially harmful online material
3. Prevent cyberbullying
4. Prevent unauthorized and unlawful online activity, including hacking
5. Prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors

Accessing inappropriate or harmful online material; cyberbullying, unauthorized and unlawful online activity; and the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors are all prohibited.

## Adoption

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted on September 23rd, 2015 following a public meeting and normal public notice by the Stickney-Forest View Public Library District Board of Trustees.