Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

It is the policy of Envision Science Academy to: a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or the 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; and d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA"). Key terms herein are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Access to Inappropriate Material
To the extent practical, technology protection measures (e.g., Internet filters) are used to block or limit access to inappropriate information via the Internet/other forms of electronic communications. Specifically, as required by CIPA, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene, to child pornography, and 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 the security of users of the school's online computer network when using electronic mail, social network websites, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communication. Specifically, as required by the CIPA, school policy shall prevent inappropriate network usage including a) unauthorized access, "hacking," and unlawful activities; b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and c) cyber bullying in accordance with the "Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act" established in August 2011. The Federal Communications Commission has specifically noted that Facebook and MySpace are not required to be blocked. ESA will determine whether other social networking websites are harmful.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring
It is the responsibility of all school staff members to educate, supervise, and monitor appropriate usage of online computer network and access to the internet in accordance with this usage policy, as well as according to the standards of CIPA, Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act ("NCIPA"), and Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act. Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the school's Internet Technology Officer/designee. Teachers will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the school Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the school commitment to:

1. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in this Internet Safety Policy;
2. Student safety with regard to:
    a. Safety on the internet;
    b. Appropriate behavior while on line, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms; and
    c. Cyber bullying awareness and response.
3. Compliance with the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act.

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

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the ESA Board of Directors in a public meeting on November 10, 2014.