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SUBJECT: The Children’s Internet Protection Act: Internet Content Filtering/ Safety Policy

In compliance with The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Health Sciences Charter School has adopted and will enforce this internet safety policy that ensures the use of technology protection measures (filtering or blocking of access to certain material on the internet) on all Health Sciences Charter School computers with internet access. Such technology protection measures apply to internet access by both adults and minors with regard to visual depictions that are obscene, such as child pornography or, with respect to the use of computers by minors, considered harmful to such students. Further, appropriate monitoring of online activities of minors, as determined by the building program supervisor, will also be enforced to ensure the safety of students when accessing the Internet.

Further, Health Sciences Charter School’s decision to utilize technology protection measures and other safety procedures for staff and students when accessing the internet fosters the educational mission of the school and includes the selection of appropriate teaching instructional materials and activities to enhance the schools' programs and to help ensure the safety of personnel and students while online.

However, no filtering technology can guarantee that staff and students will be prevented from accessing all inappropriate locations. Proper safety procedures as deemed appropriate by the applicable administrator program supervisor and will be provided to ensure compliance with the CIPA.

In addition to the use of technology protection measures, the monitoring of online activities and access by minors to inappropriate matter on the internet and World Wide Web include, but shall not be limited to, the following guidelines:

- Ensuring the presence of a teacher and/or other appropriate Health Sciences Charter School personnel when students are accessing the internet including, but not limited to, the supervision of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, social networking sites and other forms of direct electronic communications. As determined by the appropriate building administrator, the use of e-mail and chat rooms may be blocked as deemed necessary to ensure the safety of such students.
- Monitoring logs of access in order to keep track of the web sites visited by students as a measure to restrict access to materials harmful to minors.
- The dissemination of Health Sciences Charter School's Acceptable Use Policy and accompanying regulations to parents and students in order to provide notice of the school's requirements, expectations, and student's obligations when accessing the internet. Parental and/or student consent, as may be applicable, shall be required prior to authorization for student use of Health Sciences Charter School computers.
- In compliance with this Internet Safety Policy as well as the Health Sciences Charter School Acceptable Use Policy, unauthorized access (including so-called "hacking") and other unlawful activities by minors are prohibited by the Health Sciences Charter School and student violations of such policies may result in disciplinary action and appropriate supervision and notification be given to minors regarding the prohibition as to unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding such students.

The determination of what is "inappropriate" for minors shall be determined by Health Sciences Charter School and/or designated school official(s). It is acknowledged that the determination of such "inappropriate" material may vary depending upon the circumstances of the situation and the age of the student/s involved in online research.

The terms "minor", "child pornography", "harmful to minors", "obscene", "technology protection measurer", "sexual act" and "sexual contact" will be as defined in accordance with CIPA and other applicable laws and regulations that may be appropriate and implemented pursuant to the Health Sciences Charter School educational mission.

Under certain specified circumstances, the blocking or filtering technology measure(s) may be disabled for adults engaged in bona fide research or other lawful purposes. The power to disable can only be exercised by an administrator, supervisor or other person authorized by Health Sciences Charter School. Health Sciences Charter School shall provide certification pursuant to the requirements of CIPA to document the Health Sciences Charter School adoption and enforcement of its' Internet Safety Policy, including the operation and enforcement of technology protection measures (i.e. blocking/filtering of access to certain material on the internet) for all Health Sciences Charter School computers with Internet access.

Internet Safety Instruction

In accordance with New York State Education Law, Health Sciences Charter School may provide to students in grades 9 through 12, instruction designed to promote the proper and safe use of the internet. The Commissioner shall provide technical assistance to assist in the development of curricula for such course of study which shall be age appropriate and developed according to the needs and abilities of students at successive grade levels in order to provide awareness, skills, information and support to aid in the safe usage of the internet.

Access to Inappropriate Content Material and Use of Personal Technology or Electronic Devices

Despite the existence of Health Sciences Charter School policy, regulations and guidelines, it is virtually impossible to completely prevent access to content or material that may be considered inappropriate for students. Students may have the ability to access such content or material from their home and/or other locations off of school premises and/or with a student's own personal technology or electronic device on school grounds or at school events.

Health Sciences Charter School is not responsible for inappropriate content or material accessed via a student's own personal technology or electronic device or via an unfiltered internet connection received through a student's own personal technology or electronic device.

Notification/Authorization

Health Sciences Charter School Acceptable Use Policy and accompanying regulations will be disseminated to parents/guardians and students in order to provide notice of the school's requirements, expectations, and student's obligations when accessing the Internet.

Student use of the Health Sciences Charter School computer system is conditioned upon written agreement by all students and their parents/guardians that student use of the system will conform to the requirements of this policy and any regulations adopted to ensure acceptable use of the system. All such agreements shall be kept on file at Health Sciences Charter School.

Health Sciences Charter School has provided reasonable public notice and has held at least one (1) public hearing or meeting to address the proposed Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy prior to Board adoption. Furthermore,

appropriate actions will be taken to ensure the ready availability to the public of Health Sciences Charter School Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy, as well as any other Health Sciences Charter School policies relating to the use of technology.

*47 United States Code (USC) Sections 254(h) and 254(1) 47 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 54
Education Law Section 814*

Supporting Procedures

Policy - Student Use of Computerized Information Resources
(Acceptable Use Policy)

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