



## **Internet Usage Policy**

### **Introduction**

The purpose of the BridgePrep Academy Internet Usage Policy is to ensure a safe, effective, and conducive learning environment for all users including students, staff, visitors, and vendors. This policy is in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

### **Scope**

This policy applies to all users of BridgePrep Academy's internet and network resources, including students, staff, visitors, and vendors.

### **Internet Safety**

- Filtering: In compliance with CIPA, internet filtering software will be utilized to block or filter internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. The filtering will be active on all computers, including staff computers. However, an authorized representative can opt out of filtering for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.
- Monitoring: Internet usage will be monitored to ensure compliance with this policy and CIPA regulations. Staff and students are advised that there should be no expectation of privacy while using school networks.

### **Acceptable Use:**

- All users are expected to use the internet and network resources of BridgePrep in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner.
- Users shall not access, submit, post, publish, or display harmful matter or material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive or sexually explicit.

### **Prohibited Activities**

- Attempting to bypass or disable the internet filtering system.
- Engaging in unauthorized or unlawful activities, including attempting to access or accessing sites promoting illegal activity.
- The use of TikTok, and any successor platforms, on all district- or school-owned devices, or on any device (including privately owned) connected to district- or school-provided internet.

- Prohibit the use of TikTok, or any successor platforms, to be used to communicate or promote any school district, school, school-sponsored club, extracurricular organization, or athletic team.

### **Education**

- Internet safety education will be provided to students to promote responsible use and digital citizenship. This education will include information on cyberbullying awareness and response, social networking, and chat rooms.

### **Privacy and Security**

- Personal information should not be disclosed on the internet without authorization. Staff, students, and visitors are responsible for the security and integrity of their personal information.

### **Penalties for Violation:**

- Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action in accordance with BridgePrep Academy's disciplinary procedures.

### **Visitors and Vendors:**

- Visitors and vendors are subject to this policy while using the school's internet and network resources. It is their responsibility to be familiar with this policy and adhere to its guidelines.

### **Public Notice and Meeting:**

- A public meeting will be held to discuss and finalize the Internet Safety Policy. The meeting will be advertised in advance through appropriate channels. Meeting documentation including the announcement, agenda, and minutes will be retained for record-keeping purposes.

### **Policy Review and Modification:**

- This policy will be reviewed periodically and may be modified at any time with the approval of BridgePrep Academy's governing board.

### **Contact:**

For any queries or clarifications regarding this policy, please contact Nicodimus Martinez at [nmartinez@bridgeprepacademy.com](mailto:nmartinez@bridgeprepacademy.com)

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