

Catalyst Academy Charter School Internet Safety Policy

It is the policy of Catalyst Academy Charter School to: (a) prevent school network access to or transmission of inappropriate material via the 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 student personal information; (d) provide Internet safety education to students and (e) comply with the Federal Communications Commission's Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Catalyst Academy Charter School takes reasonable measures to ensure that students do not access material and content that is potentially harmful to minors. As required by CIPA, Catalyst Academy Charter School utilizes a technology protection measure ("filter") that blocks access to material that is potentially harmful to minors. The filtering technology blocks Internet content and visual depictions including, but not limited to: pornography, child pornography, sexual acts or conduct, and other obscene material that may be deemed harmful to minors. Administrators, supervisors, or other authorized staff may disable technology protection measures for legitimate educational purposes, bona fide research or other lawful purposes. Catalyst Academy Charter School may override the technology protection measure for a student to access a site with legitimate educational value that is wrongly blocked by the technology protection measure.

Catalyst Academy Charter School staff monitor student use of the Internet, through either direct supervision, or by monitoring Internet use history, to ensure that network services are used within the context of the school's instructional program, educational goals, and to enforce the Internet Safety Policy and Acceptable Use Policy. Additionally, the school takes reasonable precautions to prevent unauthorized access ("hacking") to electronic student records and information. These precautions include, but are not limited to: network firewalls, confidential passwords, data encryption, electronic monitoring and physical data security.

Catalyst Academy Charter School provides instruction to minors on the topics of Internet Safety and appropriate online behavior. Internet Safety education topics include, but are not limited to: online behavior and ethics, social networking safety, chat room safety, cyberbullying awareness and response and other online privacy and security issues.

Catalyst Academy Charter School's network and computing systems are for educational use only. The school makes no assurances of any kind, whether expressed or implied, regarding any Internet, network, or electronic communication services. Even with the above provisions, Catalyst Academy Charter School cannot guarantee that a student or staff member will not gain access to objectionable or inappropriate Internet material.

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