AUP at Bexley

Common questions...

Do I need to sign something showing that I agree to the terms of the AUP?

-No. By logging into the network with your username and passcodoe, you are agreeing to the terms.

As a teacher can I use a proxy to access a blocked site that I know is safe?

-No.

Can I use a personal electronic device at school?

-Yes, but you are responsible for any content shown or reimbursement for any damages caused by the device.

Can I sign into the network under a colleague's name?

-No.

Does the district monitor and track teachers' use of the internet and e-mail?

-Yes.

(Bexley City Schools, 2010)

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Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) *and* Bexley's Acceptable Use Policy

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How does CIPA affect educators?

As educators we strive to offer engaging lessons and current, relevant content to our students. However, this is often easier said than done. Undoubtedly, we have all been sidetracked by the web filtering software at school. The perfect lesson is spoiled, and our students are denied another learning opportunity. The content of the website seems perfectly safe and educational to any rational adult, and it is a mystery as to why the IT director and filtering software are getting in the way of teaching our students! Of course, it is much more complicated than this. A federal law, CIPA, requires that all school districts and libraries have certain safeguards in place to protect minors. CIPA may be new to you, but you have been affected by its requirements. This brochure will clarify CIPA and Bexley's acceptable use policy (AUP).

What does CIPA require of our school?

CIPA has the following major requirements that all schools must meet:

a. Access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web.
b. Safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications.
c. Unauthorized online access by minors, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities.
d. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.
e. Measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors. (Willard).

When reading through the above constraints, did you recall an occasion when you were blocked at school that fit under one of these categories?

Bexley's AUP

As a result of a CIPA requirement, Bexley City Schools has developed its own technology use policy with which all users must agree. This acceptable use policy, AUP, is unique to Bexley and should be read and understood by all educators, community members, and students. The document was adopted in 2009 and is available at www.bexleyschools.org. The following section addresses several major points of our AUP.

Every teacher should read the district AUP.

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