

NOTE: We presented this last year but didn't ask for approval. We have also made a few changes. This is largely driven by our E-Rate consultant who helps us stay in compliance in case of auditing.

Need to:

- Approve "Acceptable Use Guidelines for Technology"
  - More clearly states Cyber-Bullying and Harassment
- Approve the continued use of internet content filter.
  - FCC Order provides general language calling for the inclusion of a monitoring and educational policy component.

In August 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a new Order (FCC 11-125) pertaining to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) rule revisions which incorporate the E-Rate provisions of the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act enacted in 2008.

The FCC has tied this law and school district's compliance to the E-Rate Funding.

The most important aspect of the educational guidelines under the new Order is that Internet safety policies must include monitoring the online activities of minors and must provide for educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness.

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Additional note:

*All E-Rate applicants should be prepared to respond to review requests for a copy of the public notice of the board meeting where the CIPA policy was discussed, the agenda of the board meeting where the CIPA policy was discussed, the board approval of CIPA policy captured in the minutes and the actual district CIPA policy, addressing every required point.*

Exerts taken from the following website:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2147506633>