

Lawrence County Schools and the Children's Internet Protection Act

In order to comply with federal and state guidelines Lawrence County Schools must certify compliance with The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

The district accomplishes compliance through:

1. computer and network acceptable use policies
2. Internet filtering with IBoss and Securly
3. network firewalling managed by the Alabama Super Computer Authority
4. wireless security through Cloudpath
5. and other measures.

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires that K–12 schools and libraries in the United States use Internet filters and implement other measures to protect children from harmful online content as a condition for federal funding. It was signed into law on December 21, 2000, and was found to be constitutional by the United States Supreme Court on June 23, 2003.

CIPA uses the federal criminal definitions for obscenity and child pornography. The term "harmful to minors" is defined as "any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that – (i) taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; (ii) depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and (iii) taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors."

For more information about how Lawrence County Schools complies with CIPA contact the technology office at (256) 905-2525