

**LUZERNE
INTERMEDIATE
UNIT #18**

**SECTION: OPERATIONS
TITLE: ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTER
NETWORK AND THE INTERNET
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<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 (LIU) recognizes that information technology tools and network facilities are used to support learning and to enhance instruction. Information technology tools and network facilities allow people to interact with many other computers and networks. It is general policy that all technologies are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner.</p> <p>The use of the LIU information technology tools and network facilities shall be consistent with the Intermediate Unit’s mission and the curriculum adopted by the LIU.</p>
<p>2. Definitions</p>	<p>CIPA – The Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is a federal law enacted to address concerns about access to offensive content over the Internet on school and library computers. CIPA requirements include the following three (3) items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Technology Protection Measure – A technology protection measure is a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access. It must protect against access by adults and minors to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or ---- with respect to use of computers with Internet access by minors – harmful to minors. It may be disabled for adults engaged in bona fide research or other lawful purposes. For schools, the policy must also include monitoring the online activities of minors.2. Internet Safety Policy – The Internet safety policy must address, access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet. The safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications, unauthorized access including “hacking” and other unlawful activities by minors online, unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors, and measures designed to restrict minors’ access to harmful materials.3. Public Notice and Hearing – The authority with responsibility for administration of the school or library must provide reasonable public notice and hold at least one public hearing to address a proposed technology protection measure and Internet safety policy.

Se. 2256 of Title 18, U.S.C.

Child- The term child means an individual under the age of thirteen (13) defined in Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998.

Child pornography – means any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, or sexually explicit conduct, where:

1. The production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct;
2. Such visual depiction is a digital image, computer image, or computer-generated image that is, or is indistinguishable from, that of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or
3. Such visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

COPPA – Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act applies to the online collection of personal information by persons or entities under U.S. jurisdiction from children under 13 years of age. It details what a website operator must include in a privacy policy, when and how to seek verifiable consent from a parent or guardian, and what responsibilities an operator has to protect children’s privacy and safety online including restrictions on the marketing to those under thirteen (13).

Educational purpose – includes use of the information technology tools, network facilities, and Internet access for classroom activities, professional or career development, and to support Intermediate Unit’s curriculum, policy and mission statement.

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