

YOUNG SCHOLARS OF GREATER ALLEGHENY CHARTER SCHOOL PROTOCOL SAFETY/INTERNET CONTENT FILTERING POLICY

In compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), The YOUNG SCHOLARS OF GREATER ALLEGHENY CHARTER SCHOOL’S (YSGACS) Board has adopted and will enforce this internet safety policy that ensures the use of technology protection measures (ie, filtering or blocking of access to certain material on the internet, GoGuardian, Proxy Block Service, and Google Safe Search) on all district computers with internet access. Such technology protection measures apply to internet access by both adults and minors with regard to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography or with respect to the use of computers by minors, considered harmful to minors. YSGACS provides education for students regarding appropriate online behavior including interacting with other individuals, social media use, online chat rooms, cyberbullying, and photography without permission. Furthermore, YSGACS mandates that all faculty, staff, and students sign an Acceptable Use Policy which outlines the rules for technology use. While no filtering product is 100% effective, additional safety measures are in place while technology is being utilized during the school day.

- The presence of a teacher (or classroom aide) is required to responsibly monitor student behavior and activity while online.
- GoGuardian Scenes and individual logs are monitored to capture students’ screenshots and website activity.
- In compliance with CIPA and YSGA’s Acceptable Use Policy, unauthorized access, including ‘hacking’ and all other illegal activities are prohibited by minors and violations will result in disciplinary action.
- Faculty and staff also supervise all actions regarding the dissemination of personal identification information or photography of students. All families at YSGACS sign a media release form to indicate whether or not pictures may be used on social platforms.

YSGACS’s Acceptable Use Policy is distributed to all members of the YSGA school community and this Internet Safety Policy (CIPA) is posted on the school’s website, www.ysga.org.

The CEO and Safety Committee may, from time to time, issue further guidance that is consistent with current laws, newly adopted technology, and this policy.

TO THE EXTENT THAT ANYTHING IN THIS POLICY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH THE SCHOOL'S CHARTER OR APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS, THE APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS AND/OR CHARTER CONTROL.

ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2023

President
