

Technology Safety and Protection Measures

Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Compliance

The University Preparatory Academy has and will continue to comply with the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act, as codified at 47 U.S.C. § 254(h) and (l). The district is committed to assuring the safe conduct of all students while online and has a comprehensive policy about the proper use of our technological resources.

Content Filtering

To ensure compliance with district policies and to maintain a positive school environment, the schools use content filtering devices to block and filter access to and from the Internet from pornographic and obscene sites and material called Meraki Web Security. The Information Technology Department oversees the administration of Meraki Web Security and manages the blocking and unblocking of websites; and monitors and manages Internet traffic for the district. The department alerts the district administration to any attempts to access and/or violate the acceptable use policy through this system.

Acceptable Use Policy

The board-approved Acceptable Use Policy is reviewed annually with staff, students and parents. It is a component of the Student and Staff Handbook which must be acknowledged and signed by all district employees and students. The handbooks are also available on the district website. Adherence to the Acceptable Use Policy is monitored by the information technology staff and administration for staff; and by teachers and administration for the students.

Educating Student Community

Our K-5 students are taught about appropriate behavior online through the Technology Curriculum, while the 6th-12th grade students have reinforcement of appropriate representation online through the Learning through Internship program.