**Internet Safety Policy
Kit Carson Union School District**

**Introduction**

At Kit Carson Union School District we aim to provide a learning environment with the highest standards of opportunity for children to achieve their full potential.  As part of this aim we see access to the Internet as a powerful tool. The Internet is a wonderful place for children to learn and have fun, but there are also dangers, and it is important that children are safe while on-line. When children use the school's Internet connection there are several safeguards in place to ensure that inappropriate material is not allowed through, so that the children can enjoy using the Internet *safely*. The web links listed on the Kit Carson Union School Districts website have all been pre-viewed by staff, but we cannot guarantee the appropriateness of all content within the sites listed, or any other sites to which a student may have access. Therefore teachers are to *always* supervise students Internet usage.

**Policy**

It is the policy of Kit Carson Union School District to:

(a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications;

(b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity;

(c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and

 (d) comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

**Access to Inappropriate Material**

To the extent practical, technology protection measures in the form of an IBoss Web Filter, shall

be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to

inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful

purposes.

**Inappropriate Network Usage**

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of

users of the Kit Carson Union School District online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, prevention of

inappropriate network usage includes:

(a) unauthorized access, including so-called‘hacking,’ and other unlawful activities; and

(b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

**Education, Supervision and Monitoring**

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Kit Carson Union School District staff to

educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and

access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children’s Internet Protection

Act, the Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in

the 21st Century Act. All teachers will provide age appropriate training for students who use the Kit Carson School Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote Kit Carson Union School Districts’ commitment to:

a. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Kit Carson Union School District Internet Safety Policy;

b. Student safety with regard to:

i. safety on the Internet;

ii. appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms; and

iii. cyberbullying awareness and response.

c. Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act (“CIPA”).

Following receipt of this training, the student will acknowledge that he/she received the

training, understood it, and will follow the provisions of the District's acceptable use

policies.

**Adoption**

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Board of Kit Carson Union School District at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on <Month, Day, Year>.