I. **Purpose**
   It is the policy of Summit Academy schools to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, email, 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.

II. **Policy**

   **Access to Inappropriate Material**
   To the practical extent, technology protection measures (or Internet Filters) shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information to minors.

   Specifically, as required by 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 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 minors when using email, social networking websites, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications. Specifically, as require by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking,” and other unlawful activities by minors, and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

   **Supervision, Monitoring and Education**
   It shall be the responsibility of all members of Summit Academy staff to supervise and monitor the online activities of minors and educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response in accordance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act.

III. **References**
   Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

IV. **Attachments**
   Personal Electronics Devices Policy
   Information Network Acceptable Use Policy
   Student Signature of Agreement

V. **Revision History and Approval Date**
   Version 1: November 21, 2019: Original date of approval
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