Vista Charter School Student Network Use Policy

Vista Charter School students shall not have access to the internet without staff supervision, or access to network or wireless passwords. Recognizing the need of supervision to protect students, the school shall provide these services in as safe an environment as possible. Network access is a privilege, and all students are expected to practice proper and ethical use of these systems. The use of these systems is monitored, without expectation of privacy, and subject to administrative review at any time. It is intended that these resources will be used to pursue intellectual activities in support of research and education.

Vista does not assume responsibility for system failures that could result in the loss of data. It is the policy of Vista Charter School 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; prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (Public Law 106–554)

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures such as Internet filters, shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information. Specifically, required 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 Vista Charter School 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 Vista staff and teachers who supervise internet use shall be responsible to educate 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. Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any

technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the headmaster or designated representatives.

Electronic Mail and Social Media

Students are not allowed unsupervised access to or use of personal electronic mail or social media accounts from school networks. Etiquette and Personal Security During supervised classroom activities on the network, students are expected to observe the same standards of behavior as they do in the classroom.

- Be polite and courteous.
- Never reveal any personal information. This includes addresses, phone numbers, and credit card numbers.
- Do not reveal addresses or phone numbers of any other student or member of the staff.