Internet and Cyber Safety (CyberSmart)

Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

As of October 10, 2008, the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act (Title II of the Broadband Data Improvement Act, amending 47 U.S.C. 254 (h)(5)(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, mandated that elementary and secondary schools having computers with Internet access may not receive services at discounted rates unless they submit to the FCC a certification as part of the Internet Safety Policy they are "educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response."

For more information about the Children's Internet Protection Act visit: http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/cipa.html

A district that has been granted funding through the Federal E-Rate Grant program must follow stipulations in order to maintain the funding capabilities. Districts must provide student education in the area of Internet and Cyber Safety.

Lessons for Students based on CyberSmart Curriculum

CyberSmart is a free online resource for educators designed to empower students to use the Internet safely, responsibly, and effectively. CyberSmart curriculum is aligned with the National Educational Technology Standards.

CyberSmart - http://cybersmartcurriculum.org/

National Educational Technology Standards - http://www.iste.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=NETS

CyberSmart curriculum is organized by topic or grade level and includes lesson plans and student activity sheets.

S – Safety and Security
M – Manners, Cyber bullying, and Ethics
A – Authentic Learning and Creativity
R – Research and Information Fluency
T – Twenty First Century Challenges

Districts will choose lessons based on student and community needs.

Resources:

CyberSmart Student Curriculum – Scope and Sequence http://cybersmartcurriculum.org/assets/files/CyberSmart_Scope.pdf

Lessons by Grade Level - http://cybersmartcurriculum.org/lessonsbygrade/

Support Materials: Home Connections, Certificates of Accomplishment, Posters, Videos - http://cybersmartcurriculum.org/materials/