

CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (CIPA) POLICY

Use of the Internet at The Clear View School Day Treatment Center

It is the policy of The Clear View School Day Treatment Center to encourage the use of the Internet for educational purposes. Internet programs are used to teach and practice skills, to gain information, to learn research methods and to develop critical thinking. Students have access to the Internet on laptops, chrome books, desktop computers and iPads.

Filtering

Internet filtering software has been installed on devices owned by Clear View to block student access to inappropriate and/or harmful website content. The software works by scanning website addresses and website content for objectionable words and concepts. When the software finds any such objectionable words or concepts it denies the user access to them. At present Clear View is utilizing Ubiquiti and NetGate firewalls with content filter and screening categories that are industry standard. Additional sites are added and some restrictions may be deleted for specific study purposes by the IT consultant working in collaboration with classroom teachers.

Safety and Security

Clear View students do not have access to external email or social media on Clear View's computers or during the program day. Students are not permitted to access external email or social media on personal devices during program hours. Social media apps and websites are blocked for both students and teachers by the firewall currently in place. All student use of the internet is monitored; any inappropriate usage will be dealt with promptly and appropriately, on an individualized basis, by the appropriate members of the student's treatment team.

Unauthorized Disclosure, Use and Dissemination of Students' Personal Information

Safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including encryption, firewalls and password protections are in place to protect student data that is or may be stored or transferred electronically.