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Internet Acceptable Use Filtering - Regulations

Preface

Anyone within the Brookfield School Community whether minors or adults when using the District internet will be subject to that access being filtered as required by Federal E-rate legislation.

Criteria for Filtering of Objectionable Sites

Objectionable sites, including but not limited to the categories listed below, shall be blocked/filtered. This list will be updated/modified as required.

Nudity/Pornography

- prevailing U.S. standards for nudity
- provocative semi-nudity
- sites which contain pornography or links to pornographic sites.
- exceptions: Classical nudity

Sexuality

- images or descriptions of sexual aids;
- descriptions of sexual acts or techniques;
- sites which contain personal ads.

Violence

- sites which promote violence, bullying, cyberbullying;
- images or a description of graphically violent acts

Crime

- information describing how to commit criminal;
- illegal file archives e.g., software piracy;
- hate crimes;
- war crimes (except for educational purposes)

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Drug Use

- sites which promote the use of legal drugs for illicit purposes or illegal drugs;
- material advocating the use of legal drugs for illicit purposes or illegal drugs or abuse of any drug;
- exceptions: Material with valid educational use

Tastelessness

- images or descriptions of excretory acts;
- graphic medical images outside of a medical context;
- exception: Graphic medical images within a medical context.

Language/Profanity

- passages/words too coarse to be softened by the word filter;
- profanity within images/sounds/multimedia files;
- adult humor
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NOTE: The focus is on American English, but profanity in other languages or dialects shall be blocked if brought to the attention of the Director of Business and Technology Operations.

Discrimination/Intolerance

- material advocating discrimination of any nature;
- sites which promote intolerance, hate, or discrimination.

Interactive Mail/Chat

- sites which contain or allow inappropriate e-mail correspondence;
- sites which contain or allow inappropriate chat areas.

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    Inappropriate Banner Ads

- advertisements containing inappropriate images.

    Gambling

- sites which allow or promote any type of gambling.

    Weapons

- sites which promote the illegal use of weapons.

    Other Inappropriate Material

- tattooing, branding, cutting, etc.

    Judgment Calls

- Sites under construction whose names indicate potentially questionable material).

Procedures For Suggesting Site Be Blocked or Unblocked

If District staff members observe a site which they believe to contain inappropriate material according to the criteria provided here, they may request that the site (URL) be blocked. Education Technology staff will review the site for inappropriateness. If the site meets the criteria for filtering, it will be blocked.

Disabling Blocking/Filtering Devices

A filtered site may be opened to a responsible adult within the District for bona fide research or other lawful purposes at the discretion of the Director of Business and Technology Operations.

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