

Existing mandated policy and regulation, adopted/approved 5/20/14, appropriate as written, with CAFE samples to review and compare. The requirement on filtering is also covered in Woodbridge's existing policy and regulation #6141.321. Please review to combine.

Instruction

Internet Acceptable Use: Filtering

~~The Woodbridge School District is fortunate to have access to the Internet. This access provides increased opportunities for students and staff to conduct research and to communicate locally, nationally, and internationally.~~

~~The Board of education provides computers, computer systems, software, electronic access and networks for students and staff to carry out the mission of the Board in an environment which ensures access to up-to-date information, management, and communication services. Responsible use of these systems and networks is expected of all students and staff.~~

~~The computers, computer systems, software, electronic access and networks are the property of the Board of Education and are to be used only for those activities directly related to teaching, learning, and/or management by students and staff. The equipment, infrastructure, and software are provided exclusively for school-related use. The system may be used for personal communications only to a limited extent, which does not interfere with the statutes and/or other policies governing employment of the District.~~

~~In order to ensure that the District's Internet connection is used in the appropriate manner and that all user are protected from any inappropriate information published on the Internet, the District has and is continuing to implement the following:~~

- ~~1. Professional development opportunities to help teachers integrate the use of the Internet into classroom teaching.~~
- ~~2. Use of the computers, computer systems, software, electronic access, and networks shall be restricted to those users who have signed the District's "Acceptable Use Policy." In the case of minors, the "Acceptable Use Policy" must also be signed by the student's parent or guardian.~~
- ~~3. In compliance with this policy, a system to filter out Internet sites.~~

~~Filtering should only be viewed as one of a number of techniques use to manage student's access to the Internet and encourage acceptable usage. It should not be viewed as a foolproof approach to preventing access to inappropriate material. Filtering should be used in conjunction with:~~

- ~~• Educating students to be safe and responsible users of electronic communications and resources.~~
- ~~• Using recognized Internet gateways as a searching tool and/or homepage for students in order to facilitate access to appropriate material.~~
- ~~• Using "Acceptable Use Policy Agreements."~~
- ~~• Appropriate supervision, both in person and electronically.~~

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~~The placement of filters on District computers/computer systems is viewed as an exercise of the Board's ability to determine educational suitability of all material used in the schools.~~

~~Filters may be utilized to (1) block pre-selected site, (2) block by content, (3) block entire categories like chat and newsgroups and (4) allow a pre-selected list of approved sites.~~

~~The District recognizes its responsibility to educate students regarding appropriate behavior on social networking and chat room sites about cyberbullying. Therefore students shall be provided instruction about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.~~

~~(cf. 5148—Electronic Information/Technology/Media)~~

~~(cf. 6141.321—Acceptable Use of the Internet)~~

~~(cf. 6141.322—Web Sites/Pages)~~

Legal Reference:—Connecticut General Statutes

~~1-19(b)(11) Access to public records. Exempt records.~~

~~10-15b Access of parent or guardians to student's records.~~

~~10-209 Records not to be public.~~

~~11-8a Retention, destruction and transfer of documents~~

~~11-8b Transfer or disposal of public records. State Library Board to adopt regulations.~~

~~46b-56 (e) Access to Records of Minors.~~

~~Connecticut Public Records Administration Schedule V—Disposition of Education Records (Revised 1983).~~

~~Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended, added by section 513 of PL 93-568, codified at 20 U.S.C. 1232g.).~~

~~Dept. of Education. 34 CFR. Part 99 (May 9, 1980 45 FR 30802) regs. implementing FERPA enacted as part of 438 of General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g) parent and student privacy and other rights with respect to educational records, as amended 11/21/96.~~

~~Public Law 106-554 Fiscal 2001 Appropriations Law containing the "Children's Internet Protection Act"~~

~~Public Law 94-553, The Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. 101 et. seq.~~

~~Public Law 110-385 Broadband Data Improvement Act/Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act~~

~~*Reno v. ACLU*, 521 U.S. 844 (1997)~~

~~*Ginsberg v. New York*, 390 U.S. 629, at 642, n.10 (1968)~~

~~*Board of Education v. Pico*, 457 U.S. 868 (1988)~~

~~*Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier*, 484 U.S. 620, 267 (1988)~~

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Preface

When minors are using the Internet, access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors must be blocked or filtered. When adults are using the Internet, only material which is obscene or child pornography must be filtered or blocked.

Definitions

1.—Obscene is to be determined by the following test:

- Whether the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find the work, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest;
- Whether the work depicts sexual conduct in a patently offensive way; and
- Whether the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

1.—Child Pornography, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2256 means any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where:

- the production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct;
- such visual depiction is, or appears to be, of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct;
- such visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or
- such visual depiction is advertised, promoted, presented, described, or distributed in such a manner that conveys the impression that the material is or contains a visual depiction of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

1.—Material “Harmful to Minors” is any picture, graphic image file or other visual depiction that:

- taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex or excretion;
- depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable to minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual conduct, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
- taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value to minors.

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Criteria for Filtering of Objectionable Sites

Anything that falls under at least one of the categories below shall be blocked/filtered. This list will be updated/modified as required.

Nudity/Pornography

- ~~Prevailing U.S. standards for nudity (e.g., genitalia, female breasts)~~
- ~~Provocative semi-nudity (e.g., lingerie models)~~
- ~~Sites which contain pornography or links to pornographic sites~~
- **Exceptions:** Classical nudity (e.g., Michelangelo), swimsuit models

Sexuality

- ~~Sites which contain material of a mature level (elementary/middle school levels)~~
- ~~Images or descriptions of sexual aids~~
- ~~Descriptions of sexual acts or techniques~~
- ~~Sites which contain inappropriate personal ads~~

Violence

- ~~Sites which promote violence~~
- ~~Images or a description of graphically violent acts (rape, dismemberment, torture, etc.)~~
- ~~Graphic autopsy or crime scene images~~

Crime

- ~~Information of performing criminal acts (e.g., drug or bomb making, computer “hacking”)~~
- ~~Illegal file archives (e.g., software piracy)~~

Drug Use

- ~~Sites which promote the use of illegal drugs~~
- ~~Material advocating the use of illegal drugs (e.g., marijuana, LSD) or abuse of any drug (e.g., drinking game rules)~~
- **Exceptions:** Material with valid educational use (e.g., drug use statistics)

Tastelessness

- ~~Images or descriptions of excretory acts (e.g., vomiting, urinating)~~
- ~~Graphic medical images outside of a medical context~~
- **Exception:** Graphic medical images within a medical context

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Criteria for Filtering of Objectionable Sites (continued)

Language/Profanity

- ~~Passages/Words too coarse to be softened by the word filter~~
- ~~Profanity within images/sounds/multimedia files~~
- ~~Adult humor (e.g., sexually or racially tinged)~~

Note: ~~The focus is on American English, but profanity in other languages or dialects is blocked if brought to our attention.~~

Discrimination/Intolerance

- ~~Material advocating discrimination (e.g., racial or religious intolerance)~~
- ~~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~~

Inappropriate Banner Ads

- ~~Advertisements containing inappropriate images~~

Gambling

- ~~Sites which allow or promote online gambling~~

Weapons

- ~~Sites which promote illegal weapons~~
- ~~Sites which promote the use of illegal weapons~~

Other Inappropriate Material

- * ~~Body modification: tattooing, branding, cutting, etc.~~

Judgment Calls

- ~~Whether a page is likely to have more questionable material in the future (e.g., sites under construction whose names indicate questionable material)~~

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~~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, steps will be taken to block the site.~~

~~Disabling Blocking/Filtering Devices~~

~~The technology protection measures used to block or filter a site may/may not be disabled during use by an adult to enable access to bona fide research or other lawful purpose.~~