

# Content Filtering Committee



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# Agenda:

- Introductions
- Purpose and Charge
- Current Filtering Practices
- Reminder of Current Practices
- Approval of Actions Taken



# Content Filtering Committee

- Introductions – Summer Vacation plans



## Purpose

### Committee Charge

- Provide governance over the district's electronic communication and data management (CQ-R) Administrative Guideline for Internet Content Management and Filtering
- Maintain compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
- Provide input from your role's perspective
- Provide feedback on the district's Internet content management and filtering practices
- Consider requests from employees to use or unblock a blocked site
- Make recommendations regarding approval or disapproval of disabling the filter

### Meetings

- The committee will hold a minimum of two meetings a year. A majority of committee members should be present to hold any scheduled meeting.
- Failure to attend two consecutive meetings will result in removal from the committee



# Content Filtering Practices

## Categories “blocked”

### **Potentially Liable**

Child Abuse  
Illegal or Unethical  
Explicit Violence

Hacking  
Drug Abuse  
Proxy Avoidance

Discrimination  
Plagiarism  
Extremist Groups

### **Adult/Mature Content**

Alcohol  
Dating  
Pornography  
Marijuana

Nudity & Risqué  
Other Adult Materials  
Lingerie & Swimsuit  
Tobacco

Weapons (sales)  
Gambling  
Sports Hunting & War Games

### **Security Risk**

Malicious Websites  
Phishing  
Spam URLs



# Content Filtering Practices

## Categories “blocked” (continued)

### **Bandwidth Consuming**

Freeware and Software Downloads  
Internet TV  
Internet Telephony

Peer-to-peer File Sharing  
Streaming Media & Download

### **General Interest – Personal**

Brokerage and Trading  
Domain Parking  
Games  
Instant Messaging  
Meaningless Content  
Newsgroups & Message Boards

Personal Privacy  
Personal Websites and Blogs  
Social Networking  
Society and Lifestyles  
Web Chat

### **Unrated**



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## Reminder

| SBISD Network Content Filter -- Social Media Access Overview |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | YouTube   | Facebook  | Snapchat  | Twitter   | WhatsApp  | LinkedIn  | Instagram | Pinterest | TikTok    |
| <b>Filtering Policy</b>                                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Staff Members  | Yes       | Yes       | <b>No</b> | Yes       | <b>No</b> | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       | <b>No</b> |
| Elementary School  | <b>No</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>No</b> |
| Middle School  | Yes       | Yes       | <b>No</b> | Yes       | <b>No</b> | Yes       | <b>No</b> | Yes       | <b>No</b> |
| High School  | Yes       | Yes       | <b>No</b> | Yes       | <b>No</b> | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       | <b>No</b> |



## Reminder

### Review process:

- As part of the new software approval process, any resource “denied” will be blocked
- Requests to block\unblock are submitted via a KACE ticket and brought as a list to the Filtering Committee
- Technology Services may choose to “take action” prior to a committee meeting. Actions will not be final until confirmed by the Filtering Committee





## Action Taken

- Sites Requested to Block:**
  - Ctlessons.org – not on approved software list
  - Crosh extension – command shell for Chrome OS
  - Ride sharing category – Uber, Lyft, etc.
  - Online games
  - Action Taken**
    - Technology Services adds to block list
    - Seeking confirmation of decision of actions



# Action Taken

- Sites Requested to Block for discussion:**
  - iTunes – music streaming (used by music/theater departments)
  - Block music for ES students (allowed for MS, HS & adults)
  - Block Dropbox – security concern
  - Etsy
- Action Taken**
  - Technology Services requests to add to block list
  - Seeking confirmation of actions

Note: Pinterest to be submitted for software approval



## Action Taken

### Sites Requested to Unblock:

#### WebEx Chrome Extension

- Used by HS students attending HCC classes for dual credits

#### Action Taken

- Academics approved WebEx extension
- Technology Services adds to whitelist
- Seeking confirmation of the actions



# Questions



# Next Meeting – October 2022



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Thank You!



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