



Spring Branch ISD
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Content Filtering Committee



SBISD Content Filtering Committee

Agenda

- Introductions
- Purpose and Charge
- Current Filtering Practices
- Reminder of Current Practices
- Decisions Needed

Content Filtering Committee

Membership consists of 25 members from:

- Technology Services
- Compliance Officer
- HR Director
- Academic Directors
- Student Support Directors
- School Safety Director
- Principals
- Teachers
- Parents
- Community Members
- Board Member

Committee Meetings

Committee Charge

- Maintain compliance with federal law related to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
- Maintain compliance with Board policy
- Maintain governance over the district's electronic communication and data management (CQ-R) Administrative Guideline for Internet Content Management and Filtering
- 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

Committee 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.

Federal law – Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

- Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) enacted by Congress in 2000 to address concerns about children's access to obscene or harmful content over the Internet
 - Must certify having an Internet safety policy that includes technology protection measures
 - Must block or filter Internet access to pictures that are: (a) obscene; (b) child pornography; or (c) harmful to minors (for computers that are accessed by minors).

CIPA implementation in SBISD

- SBISD must adhere to CIPA by law
 - SBISD exceeds the requirements
- Multiple filtering tools
- In addition to Board policy, SBISD does the following:
- Acceptable Use Policy Acknowledgement
 - Mandatory, annual staff and board member professional development
 - Mandatory annual parent acknowledgement during the registration\verification process
 - Annual student Digital Citizenship internet safety lessons
- Additional campus specific information provided to parents (parent night, back to school events)

CIPA implementation in SBISD

- SBISD uses multiple techniques. On average:
 - Blocks **30,284** websites per week
 - Blocks over **38,449** malicious website requests
- Over **66** million malicious/phishing/spam URL's blocked
- Continually refining and improving the process
- No solution is 100%

Content Filtering Practices – Categories “Blocked”

- **Potentially Liable**

- Child Abuse
- Illegal or Unethical
- Explicit Violence Proxy
- Hacking
- Drug Abuse
- 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
- Spam URLs
- Phishing

Content Filtering Practices – Categories “Blocked”

- **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**

Social Media

SBISD Content Filtering – Social Media Access Overview									
	YouTube	Facebook	Snapchat	Twitter	WhatsApp	LinkedIn	Instagram	Pinterest	TikTok
Filtering Policy									
Staff Members	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Elementary School	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Middle School	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
High School	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No

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
- Final approval made by the Filtering Committee
- Decisions made by consensus

Action: Request to Ratify (Block)

Technology Services has already blocked the following apps and is **requesting ratification of the actions.**

Sites Requested to Block for discussion:

1. Games sites on github.io
2. Buadss.com – malware site

- **Action Requested**

- Technology Services requests to add to block list
- Seeking approval of actions

Action: Request to Ratify (Unblock)

Sites Requested to Unblock:

1. None

- **Action Taken**

- Academics approved websites
- Technology Services added to whitelist
- Seeking final approval of the actions taken

Action: Seeking Recommendation (Discussion)

Sites needing further discussion:

1. YouTube for MS

1. Issue: Overall YouTube usage is high (4 million hits in last 30 days). Parents and teachers have requested it blocked to assist with classroom management. Academic use is limited to Foreign Language classes.
2. Proposal: **Block YouTube for all MS students for school year 2024-2025.** Foreign Language resources to be whitelisted Technology Services.
 1. Next step: Senior Staff, Principals Meeting & summer PD

Next Meeting

Oct 2024

Social Media

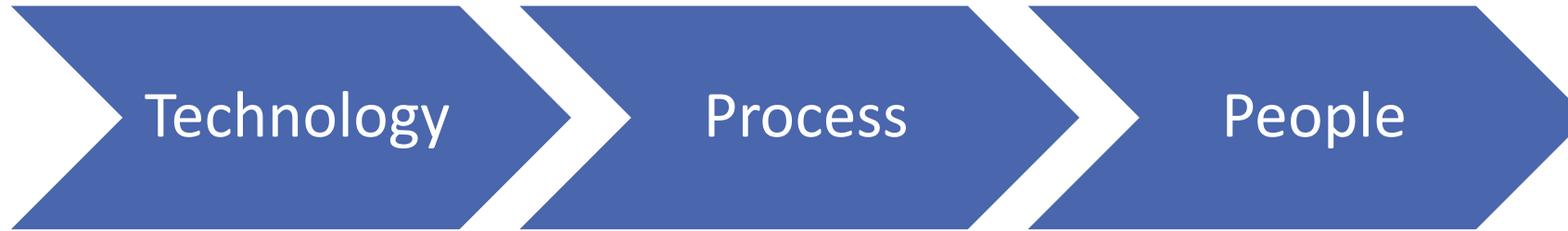
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QUESTIONS?

Cybersecurity SY24



Required annual system administrator training (CQB-Exhibit new SY23)

Overall increasing our overall cybersecurity posture by requiring:

- **Staff members accessing tier 1 and tier 2 systems to use MFA (Multifactor Authentication)**
- **Student network passwords more complex**
- **Parent Skyward passwords more complex**