

Cache County School District

Policy Series 4000: Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment

Policy No. 4610 F1

Content Filter Evaluation Rubric

To ensure that all requests to block or unblock a website are assessed without bias, the District Content Review Committee shall process every request using a binary "Go/No-Go" checklist, followed by a weighted scoring rubric.

- 1) **Governance & Transparency Guidelines**
 - a) Objective Assessment Standard: All website review requests must be processed objectively using the multi-step evaluation framework outlined below to maintain neutrality and educational alignment.
- 2) **Step 1: Mandatory Legal, Safety, and District Policy Requirements**
 - a) Statutory Checklist Table

Evaluation Parameter	YES Result	NO Result
1. Does the site contain pornographic, obscene, or indecent content?	FAIL	PASS
2. Does the site promote illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or vaping?	FAIL*	PASS
3. Does the site promote gambling, illegal weapons, or violence?	FAIL	PASS
4. Does the site present malicious security risks or bypass mechanisms?	FAIL	PASS

Evaluation Parameter	YES Result	NO Result
5. Does the site contain targeted advertisements based on cookies or other protected data collections?	FAIL	PASS

b) Step 1: Disqualification Clause

- i) *Fail unless a highly restricted Secondary Research Exception applies under Section 2.2.2.
- ii) If any site receives a "FAIL" on Step 1, it is immediately denied/blocked.

3) Step 2: Educational and Technical Scoring (Max 10 Points)

a) Scoring Rubric Breakdown

Criteria Category	Points	Description
A. Curricular Alignment	2	Aligned to Utah Core Standards
	1	General educational relevance
	0	No educational/instructional value
B. Student Safety & Distraction Risk	2	Safe, strictly educational focus
	1	Moderate non-educational elements
	0	High risk of off-task behavior
C. Age Appropriateness	2	Content is highly appropriate for the requested grade range.
	1	Content is moderately appropriate for the requested grade range.
	0	Inappropriate for school-age use

Criteria Category	Points	Description
D. Data Privacy	2	Active DPA signed; secure platform; or no student data is collected.
	1	Safe privacy policy; no DPA yet
	0	High data harvest / No privacy policy
E. Technical Bandwidth & Security Impact	2	Minimal bandwidth; secure protocol
	1	High bandwidth; safe protocol
	0	Unsecured protocols (HTTP, etc.)

b) Decision Thresholds

- i) Approved for General Network Access (8–10 Points). Sites scoring 8–10 points are approved for general network access, subject to age-group access tiers.
 - ii) Approved on Restricted Basis (5–7 Points). Sites scoring 5–7 points are approved on a restricted basis for specific classes, subjects, or grade levels only.
 - iii) Denied / Permanently Blocked (0–4 Points). Sites scoring 4 points or fewer are denied and permanently blocked from network access.
 - iv) To ensure the best interest of students, district administrators retain full discretion to block any website that receives a score of zero in any individual evaluation category, regardless of its total cumulative score.
- (1) If no DPA is currently in place but will be obtained before staff direct students to the site, then 1 point can be recorded for D.

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