



Cache County School District

Policy Series 4000: Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment

Policy No. 4610

Internet Access and Filtering

Purpose and Philosophy

The Cache County School District Board of Education recognizes that access to the internet and online resources is an essential tool in the modern educational process. The board is committed to providing a safe, secure, and productive digital learning environment for all students and staff. In alignment with state and federal requirements, the district employs robust internet filtering and monitoring systems to protect users from inappropriate, harmful, or obscene content, while actively promoting positive digital citizenship.

This policy establishes the framework for internet content filtering, parental oversight options, and transparent review processes, ensuring that students are shielded from digital harms while maintaining access to high-quality educational resources. To that end, the board directs the superintendent and district administration to establish detailed implementation, monitoring, and compliance procedures that prioritize student safety and rights in all instructional settings, including clear protocols for creating and maintaining web content filtering lists.

Internet Content Filtering

The superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district-owned devices, regardless of where they are used, and all personal devices accessing the district network, are filtered in accordance with CIPA and Utah law. Specific content categories, including obscene materials, shall be strictly blocked. Content categories and sites, including alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gambling, weapons/guns, and malicious content, shall be strictly blocked, except for sites used for approved curriculum in age-appropriate settings or research for legitimate classroom coursework, excluding sites that specifically promote a restricted content category.

Parental Options and Transparency

The district shall provide parents/guardians with access to a monitoring system to review their student's web-browsing history and online activity on school-managed devices. Upon written request by a parent/guardian, the district shall configure the student's device to use a content filtering system that restricts access exclusively to a pre-approved set of categories and sites. District administrative procedures shall govern the creation, review, and maintenance of the pre-approved content filter system.

Review, Appeals, and Complaints

The district shall maintain public, transparent procedures for reviewing, blocking, or unblocking internet content. Staff, students, and parents shall have structured pathways to request blocks, appeal filter decisions, or file complaints regarding policy enforcement at local schools.

Periodic Review

This policy and its associated procedures shall be reviewed by the Cache County School District Board of Education at least once every three years.

Legal References:

United States Code:

Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), 47 U.S.C. § 254(h); 47 C.F.R. § 54.520

Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501–6506; 16 C.F.R. Part 312

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. Part 99

Utah State Code:

Utah Code § 53G-7-1002: Internet and online access policy required.

Utah Code § 53G-7-1003: Process and content standards for policy. (Effective July 1, 2026)

Utah Code § 53G-10-103: Sensitive Instructional Materials.

Utah Code § 53G-7-228: Classroom technology requirements -- Model policy on balanced technology. (Effective July 1, 2026)

Utah Code § 76-10-1235: Distributing pornographic material to minors.

Utah Administrative Code:

Utah Admin. Code R277-495: Electronic Devices in Public Schools.

Utah Admin. Code R277-334: Classroom Technology and Artificial Intelligence Governance. (Effective July 2026)

Approved by the Board of Education: ¹

¹Footnote: This policy was updated and re-adopted on, to comply with the repealed and re-enacted Utah Code § 53G-7-1003, R277-334, and the classroom technology mandates of the 2026 Utah Legislative Session.

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