

# Milton Town School District

## Policy

### **G100: INTERNET FILTERING POLICY**

#### **Filtering Objectives**

The Milton Town School District Board of School Trustees believes that while the Internet is a powerful tool for learning it is their responsibility to protect students from the Internet's inappropriate content without its denying them access to its valuable educational content. To this end the Student Computer and Internet Use Policy approved by the Board states that student Internet use will be subject to an electronic filtering system administered by the Milton Town School District. Provision will be made for content filtering to protect students without unduly limiting their access to the Internet.

#### **Filtering Levels**

Whenever possible and practical, filtering levels will be established for each building level to provide access to materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the students served. The filtering system may be customized to allow or deny access to specific sites.

#### **Disabling the Filter**

The CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (CIPA) allows the filter to be disabled "for bona fide research or other lawful purposes" by "an administrator, supervisor, or person authorized by the responsible authority." The Director of Technology or his/her designee in each building shall have the authority to disable the filter at the request of a classroom teacher or library staff member.

#### **Denial of Teacher or Student Request to Disable Filter**

Should a teacher or student wish to appeal the decision when a request to disable the filter has been denied, the following procedure will apply:

- A. The appeal shall first be heard by the building principal who may consult with the Director of Technology and/or his/her designee, the classroom teacher initiating the request or assignment and/or the student's parent or guardian if the request is made by a student. The principal will render decision.
- B. The teacher or student shall be asked to fill out the "Appeal to Denial of Disable Filter Request" form. A copy of the form will be forwarded to the Superintendent.
- C. The Superintendent will review the written appeal and if necessary view the blocked site in question. The classroom teacher, the principal and/or the student's parent or guardian may be consulted before a final decision is rendered and the teacher or student notified.

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