

**Internet Filtering**

The Board recognizes the importance of providing students with positive, productive educational experiences through the District's Internet services. To the extent practical, the Board directs the Superintendent or designee to:

- prevent user access over the District computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications;
- prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity;
- prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and
- comply with federal and state laws.

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to:

- obscene material;
- materials that depict sexual exploitation of minors;
- material deemed harmful to minors; or
- other information that is determined to be in violation of District policies.

The following principles shall be the guide for Internet website access and site filtering. The District shall provide access to:

- materials that will enrich and support the curriculum and educational needs of users, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, learning styles, maturity levels, socioeconomic, and ethnic backgrounds
- materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge and ethical standards and that will develop literary, cultural, and aesthetic appreciation
- background information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives
- materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that the users may develop, under guidance, the practice of critical analysis
- materials which realistically represent our pluralistic society and reflect the contributions made by all groups and individuals to our American and global heritage

The District will hold public meetings for input and comments by parents and other patrons regarding the District's Internet safety plan, as required by law.

