

# REQUEST TO BLOCK WEB SITE

## Columbia Public Schools

As part of the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the District is required to have in place a “filtering/blocking device” on all computers with Internet access. The filter/blocking device must attempt to protect against access to visual depictions that are obscene, harmful to minors and child pornography. The district is currently blocking the following categories: Pornography, Hate-groups, Cults, Criminal-skills, Games and Gambling.

While the law does not require us to block games, we have blocked games for two reasons: The district policy states that the “district’s technology exists for the purposes of maximizing the educational opportunities and the achievement of district students.” The second reason is the amount of bandwidth it takes to run some games.

The District is currently using a filtering device called Xstop, a product of Se6 Incorporated. This filter gives us the capability to block certain sites by buildings. If a principal would like to have a site blocked for their building, this form must be completed and sent to the IITS. Principals are advised to look at these sites before signing since questions regarding the blocked site will be directed to the building principal.

Building \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Request \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade or Subject Area Teaching \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site address to block \_\_\_\_\_

Short explanation of need for blocking site \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal

Office Use: Date blocked \_\_\_\_\_ By Whom \_\_\_\_\_

Blocked for which sites \_\_\_\_\_