

## REQUEST TO UNBLOCK 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, Streaming Music and Videos.

While the law does not require us to block games and music/videos, 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 download and run these files.

The District is currently using a filtering system from Cobion, a product of Internet Security Systems, Inc. If a principal would like to have a site unblocked, this form must be completed and sent to IITS. Principals are advised to look at these sites before signing since questions regarding the unblocked site will be directed to the building principal.

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

Teacher’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Web Site address to unblock \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Signature of Teacher

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

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

Unblocked for which sites \_\_\_\_\_