

**Statement in response to recent changes to CUSD network access
(Issued on 4/12/2023)**

The Coronado Unified School District takes online safety seriously. In response to concerns involving the accessibility of inappropriate material by students while on our network, changes have been made to the network filter while accessing the internet via Wi-Fi (to date, CUSD desktop computers have not been adjusted).

On April 5, 2023, all district staff were notified that the content filter for anyone (staff and students) accessing district Wi-Fi would be modified effective April 11, 2023. Detailed instructions were given on how to install a new certificate on all devices. In addition, this information was shared with students and parents, via Canvas, and in the CHS principal newsletter on April 9.

The district has an [Acceptable Technology Use](#) agreement, which covers policies (AR6163.4 and BP 6163.4) which regulate technology and internet access. Paragraph 2 in the document states that *“CUSD reserves the right to monitor and review all network usage to ensure adherence to all technology policies.”*

Relevant Information:

- CUSD uses Lightspeed as its content filter.
- Lightspeed Filter is CIPA compliant. For those not familiar with CIPA, the Children’s Internet Protection Act was passed by Congress in 2000 and requires schools to filter Internet access so that minors are not viewing materials that are considered obscene or harmful to them. The district is required to be CIPA compliant to keep E-rate discounts on technology services and equipment.
- Content filters have always been used and are regularly adjusted based on filter feedback.
- Prior to recent changes, CUSD’s content filter was open for Youtube because we didn’t have the function to distinguish between staff and students.
- Filters have been adjusted so that students can no longer access certain material while using CUSD owned devices or CUSD’s network.
- The new filter configuration allows for staff-level and student-level settings.
- Students have always been, and are still, able to access video content their teachers put on Canvas pages.
- The new download certificate is safe.
- District IT staff do not capture keystrokes.

The new filter was tested by IT staff during spring break. Changes went into effect on Tuesday (4/11). We are aware that changes in practice, particularly involving technology,

will have glitches, and in the past two days IT staff have been at each school site to provide help. Teachers who have expressed disruption to the academic setting within their classrooms have had immediate support, and the district has restored access to identified resources.

We regret any inconvenience the changes have caused, but we are determined to provide the safest and most responsible platform for our students and staff while on our network. Our priority is student safety and continuity of learning.

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