

# Student Internet Filtering FAQ

## How is my student's Chromebook filtered?

Chromebooks provided through the IGNiTE initiative are filtered using Securly. Securly is a Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) compliant filter. It utilizes categories to determine if a website is appropriate for student's to view. Securly filters the internet for your student at school and at home.

## What is CIPA compliance and how does it protect my student?

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was enacted by Congress to address concerns about children accessing obscene or harmful content on the internet. Springfield schools utilizes Securly and educates students on appropriate use of the internet and good digital citizenship to be compliant with CIPA. You can read more about CIPA on the Federal Communication Commion's website, located [here](#).

## I'm concerned about what my student is accessing at school. What are my options?

All students in Springfield schools have internet filtering applied to their Chromebook. There other options beyond the default filtering policy. The first option is to have your student leave their Chromebook at school. This will ensure that your student will only have access to their Chromebook in a supervised setting at school. Another option is the internet access waiver opt out on page 75 of the [student handbook](#).

## What does the internet access waiver actually do to my student's filtering?

The internet access waiver opt out will restrict your student's access to internet resources further than the default filtering policy. When a student is identified as being opted out of regular internet access, they will be restricted to websites approved for mandated assessment, such as MAP or EOC testing, and district curriculum resources that have been approved by administration as a district curricular resource. Only websites that have been approved by district personnel as being a core part of district curriculum will be available to your student. This option may impact the ability for your student to access resources identified by their teachers.