

## **Comfort Independent School District Internet Filtering**

Comfort Independent School District Technology Department is responsible for providing Internet connectivity to district locations. The district's local area and wide area network provides this connectivity. Internet traffic from each location is routed through equipment located in the District Technology Department, giving the Technology Department the ability to centrally manage that data.

In compliance with State, Federal, and district requirements, all Internet access for students and employees of Comfort Independent School District is filtered for content. A file server located in the district's Technology Office provides this filtering, utilizing a software product called DeepNines. Content is also filtered by Education Service Center XIII.

The subscription to the DeepNines service provides the district with up-to-date content filtering. Updated lists from DeepNines are automatically installed on the district's system as they become available, thereby giving the district the most current content filtering list possible.

In addition to the standard sites that are filtered by the DeepNines service, the district also has the ability to block and unblock sites as it deems necessary. The Director of Technology is designated to determine which additional sites should be blocked or unblocked. When a request is made to block or unblock a site, the Director of Technology reviews the site and decides to block or unblock.

Requests to block or unblock particular web sites must be submitted through the Comfort Independent School District on-line work order system. To unblock a web site, we must know which filter is blocking the site (DeepNines or ESC13 filter). In order to unblock a site filter by DeepNines, all information contained on the DeepNines block screen must be provided (URL and reason for the block). Partial information will delay the process of unblocking the site.