Unity Christian High School Internet Filtering Policy Parent Options

The Internet has become a vital tool for teaching and learning. It is an exciting place to share, communicate, research, publish, produce, etc. However, it is also a place where we see the result of sin through the misuse of time, cyber-bullying, pornography, etc. As responsible parents and teachers, we will be filtering the Internet and would like to offer some options for you to consider for home use. Our goal is to create a safe learning environment for our students – whether that be in the school building or online.

The laptops leased to you from Unity Christian will continue to have internet filtering offered by the school both when the laptop is at school and when it is away from school. We are also giving you, the parent/guardian, additional filtering options that you select based on appropriateness for your son or daughter. Below is an explanation of the categories.

While in the school building social networks and games are blocked. The filtering choices below apply to student use outside of the school building and in your home.

- Social Networks including Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, etc. If parents do not choose to allow access, their child will have no <u>social</u> <u>networking</u> availability on their leased laptop.
- Games including online games that are accessed through the internet. If parents do not choose to allow access, their child will not have games available on their leased laptop.
- Video/Audio Sites including Hulu, YouTube, Vimeo, Blip, etc. If parents do not choose to allow access, their child will not have <u>video</u> <u>sites</u> available on their leased laptop while at home.

Please indicate during online registration your preferences for the level of filtering you desire for your child.

You can change those options at any time during the year. When logged into Parent JMC, go to "register for 2024-2025" and click on the Custom Fields option. You can scroll down to the "internet filtering" options and set different options at any time. The system will let us know when you make a change.