

Internet Filtering Policy Parent Options

The Internet is an exciting place for learning, sharing, communicating, researching, etc. Its use in good quality ways is vital to the future of our students. At Allendale Public Schools we see the Internet as an integral part of our world. The Internet is an invaluable tool for teaching and learning. Each of us is unique and we understand students are at all different levels of maturity and ability when it comes to Internet use. To that end we have implemented a new filtering policy that we hope will support your efforts at home with the use of technology while balancing educational needs.

The laptops provided to students from Allendale Public Schools will continue to have Internet filtering provided by the school both when the laptop is at school and when it is away from school. We are also giving parents options of what additional level of filtering you feel is appropriate for your son or daughter. Please remember that internet filtering technologies are not foolproof.

Below is an explanation of the categories.

During school hours, the filtering will remain the same. The filtering choices below apply to student use **outside of school hours; including weekends and school year vacations**. Furthermore, internet access will not be available from 12 midnight to 6:00am.

• **Social Networks** including MySpace, Facebook, etc. In this category parents can choose two levels of access. **If parents do not choose to allow access, their child will have no Social Networking availability on their school-provided laptop.**

➤ Yes No Social Networking from 3:00pm-6:00pm.

➤ Yes No Social Networking from 6:00pm-10:00pm.

➤ Yes No Social Networking from 10:00pm-12:00 midnight.

• **Webmail** includes online email such as Gmail, Yahoo Mail, Hotmail, etc. In this category parents can choose to ALLOW non-school provided email. Students would still be allowed to use their school-issued email account. **If parents do not choose to allow access, their child will not have non-school webmail availability on their school-provided laptop.**

➤ Yes No WebMail from 3:00pm-12:00 midnight.

Please indicate below your preferences for the level of filtering you desire for your child.

This is an **opt-in** filtering policy; your child will have NO access to Social Networking or webmail until or unless this form is completed.

Please fill out one form for each student you have at Allendale Public and turn it in to the School office or technology department. If you wish, you may fax the signed form to 892-3484.

Should you wish to change your student's settings at any time, you may turn in a new form.

Student First Name _____ Student Middle Initial _____ Grade Level _____

Student Last Name _____

Parent Name (printed) _____ Parent Signature _____