The Richardson Independent School District provides access to students at all campuses. RISD attempts to restrict access to inappropriate content.

Internet Filters:

In accordance with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), all computers, laptops, tablets, and telephones that utilize the RISD network will be monitored and filtered by a web content filter. The filter organizes sites into categories. Some of the categories that are currently blocked include:

- Adult Content (Pornographic, Obscene, …)
- Illegal/Questionable (Criminal Skills, Hate and Discrimination, Terrorist/Militant, Illegal Drugs, Gambling, Alcohol, Tobacco, Weapons, …)
- Security-related (Hacking, Malicious Code, Phishing, Anonymous Proxies, …)

RISD can also blacklist individual sites that are not blocked by the filter. Social media sites are generally blocked for students; however, some may be made available for age-appropriate instructional purposes.

The filter is also configured to enforce the safe-search feature on major search engines, including Google, Bing, and Yahoo, and to restrict access to inappropriate YouTube videos.

Even with this level of filtering, the District cannot guarantee that students will not access inappropriate content. As with any other technology resource, a student's use of the Internet is ultimately the responsibility of the student and of the student's parent or legal guardian. Students who intentionally attempt to bypass RISD's internet controls are in violation of the district's Responsible Use Guidelines.

As part of the District's 1:1 initiative, some students will take their Chromebook home or otherwise outside of the District's network. Limited filtering will be applied to these devices while they are off-network via GoGuardian.

The District assumes no responsibility for damages, direct, or indirect, for the use of the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, damage to District or personally owned equipment caused by malware-infected material downloaded from any Internet site. Users should be aware that the Internet is not a secure medium. It is possible for third parties to obtain information regarding an individual user's search activities. Users should be very cautious about providing personal information over the Internet.

For more information about legal guidelines, please visit these sites:
- [Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule](#)
- [Children's Internet Protection Act](#)

GoGuardian

GoGuardian is another layer of filtering and protection specifically for student Chromebooks that works alongside the district's other tools. It allows teachers to harness the power of the internet for learning, blocking harmful content and limiting and monitoring distractions. This software is automatically loaded on all student Chromebooks, and allows teachers and administrators to monitor Chromebook use in the classroom and redirect students to educational resources. GoGuardian also provides a system to track stolen Chromebooks. GoGuardian also provides limited filtering off-site when devices are taken home.

Apple Classroom

Apple Classroom is a monitoring program that allows a teacher to oversee the work students are doing, guide students through a lesson, see their progress, and keep them on track. Teachers can take actions on students' specific iPads such as open apps, view screens in real time, organize students into activity groups, lock students in an app, and shut them down all from their own teacher iPad. Apple Classroom works as an added layer, in addition to the district's internet filtering and protection information listed above.