



## **Internet Filter Guidelines**

The following is a list of issues you might consider when deciding whether a web site is appropriate for our school population. This checklist is only a starting point and is not meant to be all-inclusive. When in doubt, use your best judgment.

1. Does the web site contain pornographic images, sounds or videos?
2. Does the site contain crude, vulgar or obscene language or gestures?
3. Does the web site contain offensive images, sounds or videos?
4. Does the web site harass any particular person or group?
5. Does the web site promote hate or discriminatory practices?
6. Does the web site violate copyright laws or promote violation of copyright laws?
7. Does the website promote drug or alcohol use?
8. Does the web site promote illegal activities?
9. Does the site promote violence, including suicide?
10. Does the web site promote plagiarism or cheating?
11. Does the web site contain information about buying, making or modifying weapons?
12. Does the web site require the visitor to provide personal information?

### Further reading:

A wealth of links concerning Safe and Ethical Use of Computers on the New Jersey Department of Education web site:

<http://www.nj.gov/education/techno/hcrime/info.htm>

Information about the Children's Internet Protection Act:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Children%27s\\_Internet\\_Protection\\_Act](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Children%27s_Internet_Protection_Act)