Blocking and Unblocking Web Sites

It is important to SCOE that our students have a safe Internet experience, without exposure to inappropriate Images or materials on the World Wide Web. Furthermore, in order to receive E-Rate funding, which cuts districts' cost for Internet Access in half, SCOE and its hosted sites have Internet filtering built-in at the server here at SCOE.

WHAT'S BLOCKED?

To see a list of the categories that are blocked on the curricular network, visit http://www.securecomputing.com/index.cfm?skey=1748.
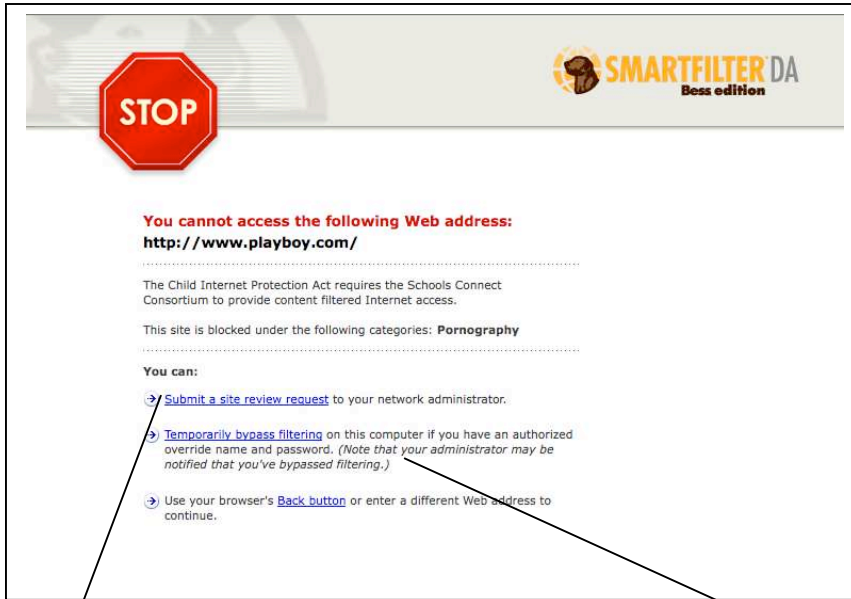
Because they frequently contain inappropriate material, streaming media and social networks, such as MySpace, YouTube, and similar sites are globally blocked. To view a YouTube video or show one to your class, you will need to ask your district tech support person to unblock the site for you. (See next page.)

TO BLOCK AN INAPPROPRIATE SITE

If you notice a student accessing an inappropriate site, immediately copy and paste the URL into an email and send to dexelby@scoe.org with a cc to adewey@scoe.org, or call Dan at 522-3334. We need the exact URL to quickly identify what to block, and determine whether it needs to be globally blocked on our system.

TO UNBLOCK A SITE

If you try to access a site that has been blocked either globally or by your district's tech support person, who is also your Content Filter Administrator, you will see this screen:

This screen provides two options.

SUBMIT A SITE REVIEW REQUEST to your network administrator

Use this option to unblock a site for the school, for example, for students to use in a computer lab for research.

TEMPORARILY BYPASS FILTERING on this computer

Use this option if it's for one computer, for example, to show YouTube videos of the candidate debates to your class.

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