

Internet Content Filtering in Clearview

The Clearviwe Regional School District is committed to ensuring that all students learn in a safe and secure environment. As such, all devices housed in the district and using the district network, are subject to two methods of content filtering.

FortiGate is the main firewall and also serves as an Internet filtering system. All Internet traffic that passes through the FortiGate firewall is filtered for inappropriate content, as well as safety and security threats such as spyware and viruses. The firewall is automatically updated to include any new websites that may pose a security or safety threat.

In addition, district devices are automatically connected to a dedicated content filter, GoGuardian. As a content filter, GoGuardian weeds out inappropriate sites based on key words, which are automatically blocked before they reach district devices. All 1:1 Chromebooks and other district devices are configured through GoGuardian to restrict Internet traffic. When Chromebooks leave school grounds, they automatically connect to the district's GoGuardian appliance for continued content filtering while logged into a Clearview Google account. To add another layer of safety, district Chromebooks may only be accessed through district Google accounts.

Further, GoGuardian features a teacher tool, which gives any staff member in the classroom the ability to see and track students' online activity at their own desktop computer or Chromebook in real time. If a staff member flags a site as non-educational, he or she can manually lock down that specific site. Teachers receive daily emails summarizing class activity and can look back at previous Internet history. Additional capability is being investigated, such as allowing teachers to set up "scenes", which allow them to determine how many Internet windows students may have open at once on a device.

The Clearview Regional School District is committed to complying with the Child Internet Protection Act and has put both of these safeguards in place to ensure that it offers content filtering that goes above and beyond that which is required by law.