**Content Filtering Policy
2018 - 2019**

Content Filter/Firewall

All devices on Mirman's campus are subject to our content filter. This system categorizes websites and blocks access to any sites in forbidden categories. The categories we block are:

• Violence/Hate/Racism
• Intimate Apparel/Swimsuit
• Nudity
• Pornography
• Weapons
• Adult/Mature Content
• Cult/Occult
• Drugs
• Illegal Skills/Questionable Skills
• Sex Education (with exceptions for Human Development)
• Gambling
• Hacking/Proxy Avoidance Systems
• Malware

Our student content filtering system (Securly) applies to student devices both on-campus and at home. Parents are provided weekly email summaries of students' at-home internet activity on the school-provided device. This filter does not extend to any personal devices not furnished by Mirman School.

The Securly filter enforces "Safe Search" modes in all search engines as well as YouTube, however these filters are not perfect. Despite these safety measures, there are occasions when something inappropriate will appear on a device. When that happens, we educate students to tell an adult immediately.

On campus, guest devices are additionally protected by a second content filter, using similar settings to our student filter. Guests on Mirman's campus should respect what content is appropriate in a school setting.

Mirman's network is also protected from malware and other cyber attacks by firewalls and security appliances in keeping with best practices in information security.

Games

No games are to be installed/accessed on student devices, except under direct supervision by a teacher. This includes during free times such as Flex periods, lunch, recess, and before/after school. The Mirman-provided laptop is intended for education, not for entertainment. Either visiting a game site on the internet or installing one by another means constitutes a violation of Mirman's Responsible Use Policy.

Additional Resources

If you're interested in setting up some kind of content filtering at home for non-Mirman devices, we recommend OpenDNS. Both free and paid service options allow you to configure devices in your home to access only content you deem appropriate.

Before you do, however, Mirman encourages you and your family to consider using one of Common Sense Media's Family Media Agreements. These written contracts not only encourage conversation about appropriate technology usage in the home, but they reinforce the Core Value of integrity and the power of a promise — all good lessons in the development of our students' character.