

Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

Subpart 4 of the Ed Tech legislation incorporates into the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). These provisions require Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to certify, under certain circumstances, that schools have adopted and are enforcing Internet safety policies. As a condition of participating in the Ed Tech program, LEAs must submit a CIPA certification form to their State Educational Agency (SEA). The CIPA requirements in the ESEA apply with respect to elementary or secondary schools that do *not* receive e-rate discounts and for which Ed Tech funds are used to purchase computers used to access the Internet, or to pay the direct costs associated with accessing the Internet. The CIPA requirements in the ESEA do not apply to schools that receive e-rate discounts. (These schools are governed by other CIPA provisions and must submit their CIPA certifications to the Federal Communications Commission.)

Choose the type of CIPA certification being filed

- No CIPA form – district receives e-rate discounts and has submitted CIPA certifications to the Federal Communications Commission
- Every "applicable school" has complied with the CIPA requirements in subpart 4 of Part D of Title II of the ESEA. (An "applicable school" is an elementary or secondary school that does *not* receive e-rate discounts and for which Ed Tech funds are used to purchase computers used to access the Internet, or to pay the direct costs associated with accessing the Internet.)
- Not all "applicable schools" have yet complied with the requirements in subpart 4 of Part D of Title II of the ESEA. However, the LEA has received a one-year waiver from the U.S. Secretary of Education under section 2441(b)(2)(C) of the ESEA for those applicable schools not yet in compliance.
- The CIPA requirements in the ESEA do not apply because no funds made available under the program are being used to purchase computers to access the Internet, or to pay for direct costs associated with accessing the Internet, for elementary and secondary schools that do not receive e-rate services under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

SPECIAL NOTE: School Districts/Consortia Members who are awarded Enhancing Education Through Technology funds through the competitive process will be required to provide ISBE with a copy of the content filter purchase order and vendor invoice. Documents should clearly show that the content filter was purchased for use during the 2005-2006 School Year (FY 06). School Districts/Consortia Members will also be required to provide a copy of their Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).
