

## **CIPA**

Students and teachers using instant messaging, file sharing, online chat or other peer-to-peer applications can unknowingly be putting themselves and your school in jeopardy. Recent legislation has made schools increasingly vulnerable to legal claims when students and teachers illegally download copyrighted materials or become exposed to pornography or even online predators. And because peer-to-peer applications are designed to circumvent traditional HTTP filtering solutions, even schools in compliance with CIPA are at risk.

NetSpective® is the only CIPA-compliant URL filtering appliance that prevents access to both P2P sites and P2P applications, effectively ensuring the safety and security of a school or library's network.

### **What is CIPA?**

CIPA, The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) complies with the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court. CIPA requires schools and libraries with computer Internet access to certify that they have Internet safety policies and technology protection measures, e.g., software filtering technology, to receive discounts for Internet access and internal connections under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism.

### **Does NetSpective® allow a school or library to certify for CIPA compliance?**

Yes. NetSpective meets stated CIPA filtering requirements for obscenity, child pornography and material harmful to minors.

### **Why is NetSpective the best solution for CIPA compliance?**

NetSpective's streamlined appliance design and Adaptive Filtering process provides the best combination of simplicity, performance and complete site review. NetSpective's appliance design eliminates the hassles associated with configuring specialized software and doesn't require a separate PC purchase. Its high-performance design typically eliminates the need for multiple filtering machines. The Adaptive Filtering process also provides advanced content analysis for all surfed sites. This provides more complete control and accuracy compared to list or keyword-based filtering solutions.

### **How does NetSpective work?**

The NetSpective Solution is highly flexible and easily customizable; with a database that includes over a million URLs grouped into over 50 categories that is dynamically updated to provide the most accurate and current information available. It easily lets you monitor, block or report on:

- URL visits
- Use of streaming media and audio files, and their Web sites
- Use of Peer-to-Peer Filesharing
- Use of Instant Messaging and other online chat applications

It also allows users to apply Internet access policy by branch, section, office or individual workstation; allowing access to a children's reading room different than the adult reading room for example.

### **Does NetSpective allow users to disable filtering as needed?**

Yes. NetSpective's centralized management console offers several options to disable filtering, including exempting specific workstations, modifying filtering rules by time of day, etc.

### **How Can NetSpective help schools?**

The NetSpective Solution allows schools and libraries to:

- Facilitate CIPA compliance
- Control Web site access by images and text content
- Tailor access policies from group to individual workstations
- Easily modify policies to meet patron's needs
- Centrally manage policies from a single console
- Block Peer-to-Peer Filesharing and Instant Messaging applications
- Prevent access to streaming media that can put a drag on bandwidth resources

### **What happens if an organization is NOT CIPA compliant?**

Libraries have until July 2004 to be in full compliance with the law, they must show certification of compliance or face the penalty of loss of E-rate and/or LSTA funds.