



Criteria for Site & Grade-Level Evaluation

WebPath
Express

Safe, Online Solutions Follow CIPA Compliance Guidelines

Now that the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is in effect, schools and libraries receiving eRate discounts must focus on safeguarding children from accessing undesirable web sites or jeopardize further funding. When you subscribe to Follett Software Company's WebPath Express™ service you are assured of receiving links to only high quality web sites that are safe for students. Before web sites are selected for WebPath Express, they must meet strict value standards. We evaluate every site based on the following guidelines:

CONTENT **25%**

1. Purpose of site is clearly stated.
2. Content is meaningful and useful.
3. Content is free of bias (gender, race, religion, etc.).
4. Information is based on fact rather than opinion.
5. Information is accurate and verifiable.
6. Content provides in-depth information rather than an overview of topic.
7. Text is well-written with acceptable grammar and spelling.
8. Sources of information used in the site are documented.
9. Appropriate copyright statements are included.
10. Content is not over-shadowed by advertising.
11. Site indicates the intended audience level.
12. Information is appropriate for intended audience level.
13. Content is up-to-date.
14. Publication date of site is clearly indicated.
15. Date of last revision is included.
16. Links to other helpful sites are provided.
17. Sufficient information is included to make the site worth visiting.
18. Content effectively achieves its intended purpose.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE **20%**

1. Site offers valuable content to support a curricular area.
2. Site includes awards received in the education world.
3. Site is interactive (e.g. provides ways for learners to share and display work, provides opportunities for learners to collaborate and/or communicate with experts or other students).
4. A screening process is used when students post contributions or communications directly to web site.

AUTHORITY / CREDIBILITY **15%**

1. Author's name is included.
2. Author's email address or contact information is given.
3. Author's qualifications and affiliations are included.
4. Web site publisher is identified.
5. Web site is affiliated with major institutions or organizations.

NAVIGATION & DESIGN 15%

1. Site is arranged clearly, logically and usefully.
2. Site is appealing and user-friendly.
3. Site is easy to read and navigate.
4. Design is consistent from page to page within the site.
5. Web page does not extend beyond the sides of the monitor.
6. Icons clearly represent what is intended.
7. Navigation elements are labeled and easily identified.
8. Navigation is consistent throughout the site.
9. Extensive scrolling is not required on individual web pages.
10. Learners can easily track where they have been in the site.
11. Learners can easily locate a page from any other page.
12. Links back to home page are provided from other pages.
13. Sufficient links are available for both forward and backward movement.
14. Needed information is found in the first to third links within the site.
15. Links to other pages and sites operate efficiently.
16. Searchable index, site locator map or help screens are available.
17. Font size is appropriate to an elementary, middle or high school reader.
18. Sites selected for the elementary school level contain large pictures on each page.
19. Sites selected for the middle school level contain pictures but their relative size is not critical.
20. Pictures are not essential at the high school level, but add visual interest.



TECHNICAL ASPECTS 15%

1. Site loads within a reasonable amount of time.
2. Multi-media is appropriately incorporated.
3. Registration is not required in order to use the site.
4. Unusual software or hardware resources are not required or site does not require a specific web browser.
5. Web site is printer friendly.
6. Access to site is not restricted by time of day, password, location, etc.
7. Site does not prohibit linking to deep content. (Site does not block access to deeper content without a license or user registration.)
8. Site displays properly at 640x480 resolution.
9. Site does not launch multiple secondary windows.

RELATED LINK QUALITY 10%

1. Links are relevant and appropriate for the site being evaluated.
2. Links provide additional content or resources.
3. Content found through links generally meets overall content requirements.



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