



# The IT Leader's Guide to Modern Filtering

5 Game-Changing Features  
for Your Web Filter

To date, nearly 20% of schools in the United States rely on Linewize filtering to protect students and maintain compliance at school, at home, and everywhere in between.

## Linewize Partnerships



**25,000+**  
schools



**13+ million**  
students

# School districts can face significant filtering challenges in today's modernized educational environment.

Whether you're dealing with limited IT resources, insufficient filter and reporting capabilities, or security concerns, implementing a filter with these five game-changing features will ensure your filter works for you, not against you.



## 5 Filter Game-Changers

### 1. Full-path hybrid infrastructure

Experience the benefits of cloud-based filtering, reacquire the control of an inline appliance, gain visibility and control beyond DNS, and say goodbye to certificates and proxies.

### 2. Flexible filtering

Create custom policies in just a few clicks and filter on various authentication services and methods.

### 3. Advanced reporting

Streamline report generation and automation for tailored distribution, spanning detailed real-time IT admin reports, curriculum evaluation, and student well-being safety reports. Customize reports with advanced forensic research features for deep data analysis.

### 4. Low-maintenance UI & dashboard

Easily maneuver the filter with a swift setup using pre-configured categories. Obtain a comprehensive overview of district-wide activities and usage via a centralized dashboard, showcasing essential data points and metrics.

### 5. Application & bandwidth usage insights

Utilize your data to pinpoint underutilized apps that can be eliminated, and identify bandwidth-heavy or resource-intensive applications with speed and precision.

# 1. Full-Path Hybrid Infrastructure

## Get your inline appliance back and say goodbye to certificates and proxies

### A unique approach to hybrid filtering

Linewize offers the only true hybrid cloud web filter in North America. This approach allows you to scale much more efficiently and still experience all the benefits of cloud and inline filtering—without any of the cons.

### Filter at the browser level from anywhere

Linewize's managed hybrid setup allows you to filter devices from anywhere without a proxy, tunnel, VPN, or additional certificates.

- ✓ Block specific categories of content directly within the browser.
- ✓ Utilize various user-transparent authentication methods simultaneously, accessing multiple directories such as Google, Azure, LDAP, RADIUS, and others.
- ✓ Improve real-time monitoring and gain greater insight into network activity.



### Cloud benefits

- ✓ Offsite filtering will naturally be solved since the client or PAC file is already getting its decision from a cloud server.
- ✓ No bandwidth restrictions since there is not a local appliance responsible for making filtering decisions.
- ✓ Simple deployment that typically takes a few minutes to push out to managed devices.
- ✓ SSL decryption is easier to maintain since cloud servers are much more capable than the local appliances used inline.



### Inline benefits

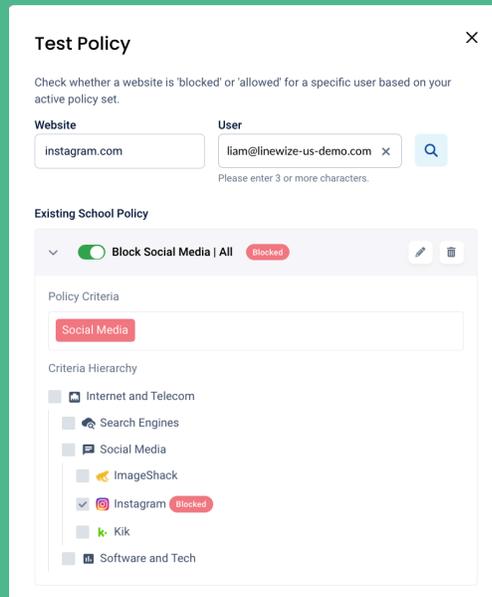
- ✓ Does not require traffic to be tunneled outside of the network in order to get filtering decisions when devices are on the network.
- ✓ Provides internal IP visibility and the ability to filter on IP ranges.
- ✓ Can see all network connections on all ports.
- ✓ Effective at stopping unintended VPN and proxy usage since it can see all connections.



## 2. Flexible Filtering

Filter without the complexity of middlemen

- ✓ Streamline policy creation with a comprehensive list of built-in, compliant-ready Categories and Signatures.
- ✓ Decide which rules are blocked school-wide and which rules staff can unlock on an as-needed basis (without ever jeopardizing CIPA compliance).
- ✓ Separate users' access to school and personal Google accounts.



### FEATURE SPOTLIGHT

#### Test policy tool

Use the Test Policy tool to check whether your filtering policies are blocking or allowing access to websites for specific users. This enables you to:

- ✓ Understand how existing policies are applied in a live environment.
- ✓ Troubleshoot cases where users are incorrectly blocked from or given access to content.
- ✓ Evaluate how new rules and policies work before rollout.

### 3. Advanced Reporting

Easily create, share, and automate reports for your staff



Red Flags tags indicate the category and behavioral signals of potentially risky online behavior. Red Flag Categories include:

- ✓ **VPN usage**  
See which users attempt to bypass the filter, how often, and how serious.
- ✓ **Academic dishonesty**  
Identify students who may be using AI tools unethically.
- ✓ **Student safety**  
Get a high-level overview of concerning online behavior such as bullying, violence, and self-harm.

#### Digital distraction report

Identify students who may not be focused on or engaged with their learning environment.

#### Weekly wellbeing report

Summarizes the users with the highest amount of Red Flag activity. Red Flags are triggered when a user attempts to access blocked content, bypass the filter, or search for harmful or inappropriate phrases and keywords.

#### User journey report

Analyze aggregated views of a specific user's digital Timeline, Searches, Videos, and Red Flags without the noise of CDNS and other backend dependencies.

## 4. Low-maintenance UI

Because you shouldn't live in the filter

### Compliant category infrastructure

School Manager is equipped with hundreds of pre-configured and compliant Categories, Subcategories, and digital Signatures.

Example:

Category	Subcategory	Signature
Business	Financial services	Paypal

### Reliable filter reinforcements

Our inline appliances create an additional layer of uptime security, much like a backup generator. In the unlikely event that our cloud servers experience an outage, clients default into a CIPA-compliant mode and continue blocking harmful online content.

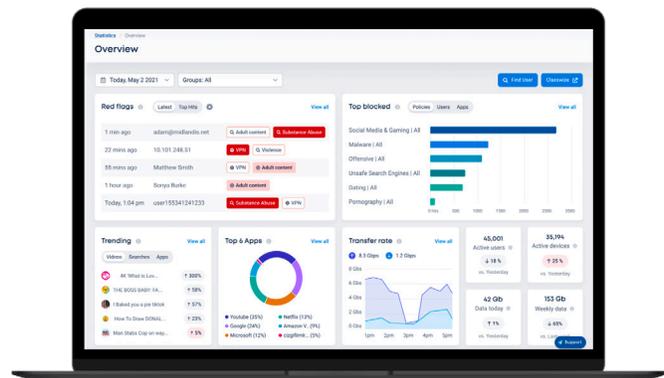
### Dedicated support in your timezone

Our U.S.-based chat support team provides responses in less than 1 minute from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET. Need extra help? Schedule a call with an engineer or customer success specialist.

### Centralized dashboard

School Manager's Dashboard provides you with quick and easy access to key information about online activity at your school. Using the dashboard, you can:

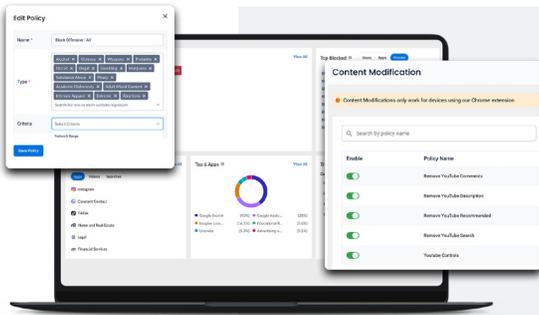
- ✔ Quickly spot at-risk users and identify problematic websites.
- ✔ See which filtering rules are causing the most blocks.
- ✔ Monitor trending videos, searches, and applications.
- ✔ Keep an eye on your School Manager network performance and status.



## 5. Application & Bandwidth Usage Insights

### Monitor and manage your school's resource usage

See what resources are most used, highlight programs that are not being adopted, and identify spend that needs to be cut. Monitor bandwidth usage to manage spend, inform cost-saving policy changes, and identify individuals who are misusing the school network.



#### Did you know?

Bandwidth-conscious schools can monitor the “Daily Transfer” data section of School Manager’s weekly report.



## A filter that does more for less

No school should face an uphill battle to protect students. Our transparent, competitive pricing is a testament to our mission:

- ✓ No need to purchase expensive servers upfront.
- ✓ Subscribe for exactly what you need.
- ✓ Trim your costs without the need for high-power servers.



## Start a Proof of Concept Today

We encourage you to test School Manager in your environment to see how your current filter stacks up.

No gimmicks, no fine print, no fees, no post-trial auto-charges. Just a filter that does exactly what we say it does.

**But don't take our word for it. Here's what our customers have to say:**



During the POC, I learned more in the first hour than we did in the previous three years with our old filter. I learned that students were accessing websites that should have been blocked. With Linewize, I can easily see who's searching what, which sites are being blocked at a glance."

**Jon Myers**

Clinton Prairie School Corporation



Deploying certificates and man-in-the-middle intercepting traffic has always caused problems for me. Linewize observes the browsing at a level; you don't even have to mess with the SSL session, which is a much simpler way to handle the problem."

**Keith Reynolds**

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