

**Connecticut Education Network
Policies, Process & Procedures**

Title:	CEN Interconnect Policy
Applies to:	CEN Directly Connected Members, Providers, Peers
Effective Date:	September 1, 2022
Contact:	CEN Member Services Manager, CEN Director

The CEN network will adhere to the principles within the FCC's Internet Policy Statement (FCC 05-151, adopted August 5, 2005). Users of the networks will be able to access the lawful Internet content of their choice. No persons associated with managing the network will regulate what lawful content or applications network users will be able to access and utilize.

For general purpose Internet access services, the CEN does not promote or favor any lawful Internet content or applications over others. Network users will have equal access to all lawful content and applications. CEN may offer an Internet filtering service to certain community anchor institutions; however, such capability will also allow each CEN customer to customize and maintain its own filter settings, with the ability to access any lawful Internet content that they choose.

For private network interconnections, the CEN network does not discriminate as to whom its customers wish to interconnect with and will take no action to block any lawful interconnect request. CEN offers non-discriminatory and open network capacity between its points of presence in Connecticut and the interconnection points that it manages in Boston and New York. For private network interconnections, CEN will allow a last mile provider to connect to other providers of their choice via layer 2 vlans, MPLS tunnels, or other similar technology across the CEN backbone. CEN may recover the cost of any dedicated ports to allow such interconnection and will do so on a non-discriminatory basis at its interconnection points.

To maintain the health and operational security of the CEN network, the CEN staff may, from time to time in exigent circumstances, take action to block specific peers, vlans, or traffic flows that pose a risk to the stability or operation of the CEN network. In such rare instances, CEN would notify its customers and partner providers and would seek to restore services as soon as the threat that caused the action could be mitigated.

CEN agrees that these obligations will be offered in perpetuity and that CEN will display these network management policies in a prominent location on the CEN web site. Furthermore, network staff will notify network users via email of any changes to these policies.