



# Franklin Lakes Public Schools Leads the Way with Marshal8e6's R3000 to Ensure Safe and Appropriate Internet Access for Students and Faculty Alike

## Client:

Franklin Lakes Schools

## Web Site:

www.franklinlakes.k12.nj.us

## Number of Users:

1,550

## Requirements:

Internet Filtering

## Solutions:

R3000 Internet Filter

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## Profile

Franklin Lakes Public Schools, located in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, educates 1,550 students in three elementary schools and one middle school. Continuously improving and updating its educational system, Franklin Lakes is proud to provide the best education for its students and service the community with programs that reinforce family values and community welfare. Which is why Franklin Lakes selected the R3000 from Marshal8e6 to maintain a safe and productive environment for both students and staff members. Not only does Franklin Lakes comply with CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act), but it also keeps outside Internet threats from infiltrating the network and prevents requests to administrator-deemed "illegal" Web sites.

## Challenge

Since 2001, CIPA has required K-12 schools and libraries that receive certain federal funds to implement Internet safety measures. Among the requirements, these schools and libraries must implement a technology solution that filters or blocks inappropriate and unwanted Internet content. For smaller school districts such as Franklin Lakes, government aid is fundamental, especially since it has helped build a new school, reducing elementary school crowding and bringing in new computers and other technology. After having researched numerous Internet filtering and reporting companies, Technical Coordinator Bridget Pastenkos decided to purchase the R2000 after it was recommended to her by other local colleges and school districts. "I was told it was foolproof," Pastenkos says. When it was time to renew, Pastenkos decided to upgrade to the R3000 Enterprise Filter. She didn't even need to consider other solutions — the R3000 came with a great price tag and more raving recommendations.

## Solutions

The R3000 Enterprise Filter is a standalone server appliance dedicated to filtering Internet access, ensuring stability, scalability, and performance without compromising other server/network functions. Permitting school IT administrators to customize Internet access policies by user, group, workstation, or network, the R3000 allows faculty to access a different range of sites than those accessible to students. School administrators are also provided with a tool to enforce a school's Acceptable Use Policy, which ensures that Franklin Lakes is CIPA compliant, limiting legal liability by blocking inappropriate and objectionable material.

In addition, because of the standalone feature, the R3000 frees-up IT management for mission critical projects rather than constantly addressing issues at the firewall or

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proxy. Pastenkos says, “Other solutions I tested were too much work and virtually impossible to keep updated. The R3000, on the other hand, automatically updates information, giving me more time to spend on my other job priorities.” The interface also allows for quick and easy interaction. “Anybody using the R3000’s interface should have no problem.”

Finally, the R3000 blocks sites with bandwidth-intensive content that improves overall network performance. Students are unable to download MP3s and other streaming media and are redirected to their studies when they cannot access online chat groups or instant messages.

## Result

Instead of having to spend an inordinate amount of time addressing reporting and filtering issues, Pastenkos now focuses her energy on other projects. “The appliance is so easy, I barely interact with it. That is why it is a great value.” The only time she really has to work with the R3000 is to unblock a site a teacher has already researched and deemed appropriate. Otherwise, the R3000 sits quietly on the network and watches activity without a glitch. Marshal8e6 support staff has also proven to be very accommodating. “Marshal8e6 called back more than once. They couldn’t have been more forth-coming and helpful.” Pastenkos adds, “From the initial friendly and professional sales call to its installation, the R3000 has proved to be the right decision in maintaining a safe content filtered environment for students and teachers and a reliable user friendly tool for the IT department.”

## About Marshal8e6

Marshal8e6 is a global provider of Secure Internet Gateway products for organizations of all sizes. Marshal8e6 is the only security company capable of delivering comprehensive content security across multiple delivery platforms, including software, appliances and Software-as-a-service (SaaS). The company’s complete security portfolio delivers the tools necessary to manage and secure email, Web and the endpoint as well as protect against data leakage. Today, more than 16 million end users in more than 20,000 companies in 96 countries rely on Marshal8e6 solutions to protect their businesses at the email and Web gateway.



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