



Uintah School District Digital Citizenship (updated 09/01/22)

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Technology Use in School- Filtering and Management

Filtering Information

- Uintah School District (USD) uses the UETN recommended Netsweeper filtering system. Devices are filtered while on the district network as well as off-site when the device is taken home.
- We have different rule sets for elementary and secondary schools so that we can allow some sites in secondary schools without allowing them for elementary schools, although most blocked sites are blocked on all student and guest networks.
- The filter works by categorizing known internet content and then allowing us to block inappropriate categories such as pornography, social networking, gambling, weapons, adult content, gaming, etc. Many sites are uncategorized and are blocked on the student network.
- USD has three different network segments: staff (district or school owned staff devices), student (district or school owned student devices), and guest (all personal devices) networks. The guest network has the same rule set as the student network.
- YouTube and Social Media sites like Facebook and Twitter - These sites are open on the staff network, and are available in a restricted safe search mode for students. Search queries performed by students are limited and monitored for inappropriate content. The only exception is for the high school Social Media class where they are opened just within the lab under supervision of the instructor.
- Google Images - Google images are allowed for users as part of Google Apps for Education. Our Google domain has enabled a "force safe search" for image searches.
- Weebly and Blogspot Pages - By default these sites are open for staff but closed for students and guests. We open individual sites for teachers who create class websites on these platforms. These sites are not allowed for students to create individual sites and blogs for school use. The district provides a managed blogging service called edublogs for student and teacher blogs and sites using the asdpages.org domain. Google Sites is also available.

Management Systems

- Desktop and Laptop - The Uintah School District currently uses a site license for LanSchool to manage some desktop and laptop devices. This allows the instructor to monitor the screens of users electronically as well as lock down certain sites.
- Google Apps Management - We are also heavily integrated with Chrome Management for the many ChromeBook and ChromeBox devices that are in use today. It allows us to manage what apps and service are available for users. For instance, this system allows us to set our student gmail accounts to send and receive email only to teachers and other students.
- MDM - We use the AirWatch mobile device management system to manage iPads. This allows us to manage which apps are loaded onto devices and to purchase apps legally for school use.

What can the Community Council do?

- Ensure that K-2 students use the K-2 login and all other students use their unique login with their unique password.
- Ensure that student-created web pages are made through the supported usd.net or Google Sites.
- Make sure the filtering is working on all school devices by assigning someone to test student devices on the student network.
- Learn what management systems are at use in your school and when it may be helpful for teachers to use them.

Supervision

- Teachers are asked to monitor students whenever they are online, either electronically or by walking around the classroom.
- Teachers should never put a student on a device with access to the internet in a place or situation where the student knows that the teacher cannot monitor their activity such as in a hallway or back corner of the room.
- Teachers should take special care when directing students to add art or photos to projects by directing them to safe collections of pictures and art like kidzsearch or kids.nationalgeographic.com.
- When inappropriate content is accessed by a student or staff member (either seemingly by accident or on-purpose), the student or students should be removed from the dangerous situation and the school principal or administration should be notified. The device should be isolated and the Technology Office should be contacted. Beside working to fix any issue discovered, the Technology Office will work with the administration to gather information and take appropriate measures if the Acceptable Use Policy was violated.

What can the Community Council do?

- Learn about and help develop school based practices and procedures to ensure student safety online.
- Provide resources for online supervision where needed.
- Make sure information is communicated to the staff on how to respond if inappropriate content is accessed.

Parent Education

- Many organizations provide great information for parents to help students stay safe when online at home. A few great resources are:
utahpta.org/netsafety netsafeutah.org/ utahnetsmartz.org/
- Has your school provided any information or resources to parents in the past concerning online safety practices and tools?
- Has your school provided any information to parents concerning the topics and information their students receive concerning digital citizenship?

What can the Community Council do?

- Decide how you may best share resources for digital citizenship and online safety with parents. Consider the role of the community council to provide options and resources without being prescriptive and compulsory. This may include newsletters and other communications, back to school nights, parent conferences, carnivals, and other school events.