

Internet Safety

Product Overview

The internet and technology changes every day. It is important to be aware of what students are viewing and participating. From social media (Snapchat, Instagram, Tik Tok) to YouTube/Twitch to online gaming (Fortnite or Call of Duty), students can consume thousands of hours of content with little to no filter provided by the companies. That is where we come in!



Social Media

The top 3 social media outlets used by students are Snapchat, Instagram, and Tik Tok. These 3 applications (apps) allow people to communicate with others, post unique content, and view content posted by others. These apps can be helpful through posting encouraging or important content. However, the apps can also be used for cyberbullying or unhealthy “challenges”. The apps do not yet have parameters to filter out this negative content.

Youtube/Twitch

These two websites are used by content creators to share content with viewers. YouTube is typically for pre-recorded content while Twitch is used for live-streaming. These sites can share

positive or comedic content while also showing content that may not be healthy for students. These sites are cracking down on the type of content viewed and to which audiences can view certain content. However, unless certain content is filtered out, anyone can view anything.

Online Gaming

Online gaming is extremely popular for those students who have gaming systems. The most popular online games include Fortnite, Call of Duty (CoD of short), and Overwatch. These games allow people to play with anyone else around the world who also has the game and is online at the same time they are. Players join groups/squads/teams to beat the other team and win. Even though most of these games are made for certain age groups, children often end up playing these games with teenagers and adults. This crossover opens up children to many different people from different lifestyles with different ideologies with no filter.

What Can We Do?

This amount of content flooded into the impressionable minds of our students needs to be filtered. A filter that will keep educational, encouragement, and age-appropriate entertainment content while removing/blocking content that does not support values that model healthy academic, career, and social/emotional development. Here is a list of some things we can do together to create this filter for our students:

- **Ask:** ask your child what kind of content they are viewing on their various internet outlets.
- **Participation:** Join your child in watching/playing the type of content they enjoy. This will show your child that you care about the things they are interested in.
- **Conversation:** Talk to your child about what family values your household has and what type of content they can consume that will reinforce these values.

- **Collaboration:** Work with your child's network to create school based activities or projects that will reinforce positive values.
- **Block:** Block certain content that do not share your family values or goals you have for your child.

We hope to have your help and support as we strive to support our students in becoming successful and productive members of society.