Risks and Dangers of the Internet

The goal of Davis School District is to provide a safe learning Internet environment for students. We have the “Not in Our House” attitude with predators and pornography.

How Davis School District Provides A Safe Internet Environment

Davis School District and its many departments are teaming up to provide a safe Internet environment for students.

With all the thousands of new web sites going online each and every day, it's becoming increasingly harder to block inappropriate sites as they come online. Thousands of dollars have been spent and countless hours of training in deploying systems to protect students.

Davis School Districts Internet Protection Program

Centrally managed iBoss Internet content filtering systems is one of the most advanced in the world for blocking inappropriate sites. All searches on the internet are filtered through this.

NetSupport School is a user monitoring software with application and Internet lockout controls for computer lab managers.

Comprehensive Acceptable Use Agreement

How Can I Help?

How can the Internet become safe for my child, my family and future generations? The answer lies in a shared responsibility among the public, parents, educators and others who supervise children. Working together, we can find a solution that will ensure a safe and secure Internet that will allow this powerful tool to be used to enhance our knowledge and allow us to touch each corner of the world safely.

Safety Tips

1. Place computers in a central location where they can be seen by everyone.
2. Do not allow chatting online with people they do not know.
3. Have standards regarding your child’s privacy. The Internet is not a place for students/children to be left unmonitored.
4. Become familiar with the chatting and search tools used by students/children.
5. Know who is most “at risk” (ages 11-14)
6. Chat lines must be monitored, and NEVER give out personal information or photographs.
7. Don’t rely solely on software to block or filter content.
8. Let your student/child know that reporting unwanted or suspicious solicitations won’t lead to restrictions on computer use.

Monitoring Tools

1. Internet Explorer’s Content Advisor (Open Internet Explorer Help and type in “Children”. It will give you instructions on how to set-up Content Advisor.
2. Software protection: Content Protect, K9,(free), Net Nanny, CYBERRsitter, CyberPatrol, Cyber Sentinel, FilterPk, Cyber Snoop, etc.
3. Single Password
4. Check the cache and history.
5. Tracking software and Keylogger software
6. Safe search tools
Web Sites

- NETSAFEUTAH.org – Resources and videos provided by Utah Education Network (UEN)
- NETSMARTZ– NCMEC has education materials for parents. www.netsmartz.com
- National Center for missing and Exploited Children Online Safety quiz for adults and children
- Online terminology listings CyberTipline—www.cybertipline.com 1-800-843-5678

Protecting our Children and Families

There are many benefits to the Internet for our children. Access to the Internet can improve your child’s reading skills by providing interesting materials to read, and suggesting additional reading. Children use the Internet to connect with places around the world and access libraries to obtain specific collections of information and reference materials. However, if your child has full access to the Internet, you should not be without concern. Many of our computer-literate children have been exposed already to the dangers of the Internet.

Davis School District is passionate about protecting our children from the dangers of the Internet. By providing you with this pamphlet, we hope that in some way we can contribute to the defense of the family, and the innocent lives that are being torn apart on a daily basis.

Risks and Dangers

- According to a National Children's Homes report, the number of Internet child pornography images has increased by 1500% since 1988.
- One in five children are sexually solicited or approached over the Internet in a one-year period of time. (Actual numbers are much higher).
- 89% of sexual solicitations were made in either chat rooms or Instant Messages.
- Law enforcement officials estimate that as many as 50,000 sexual predators are online at any given moment. (Dateline, January 2006)
- 87% of university students polled have virtual sex using Instant Messenger, Web cams, Cell phones, and Tele-phones. (University Sex Survey Released February, 2006)
- Of those arrested in the US for the possession of child pornography during 2000 & 2001,
- 83% had images involving children between 6 & 12 39% had images involving children between 3 & 5 19% had images of infants and toddlers under age 3
- 70% admitted molesting up to 30 children.
- 61% of 13-18 year-olds have sent or posted pictures & movies of themselves online.
- 33% of youth ages 8-18 have talked about meeting someone they have only met through the Internet. 22% of youth ages 16-18 have actually met face-to-face with someone they only chatted with using Internet chat rooms or through personal web pages like MySpace.com