

Digital Citizenship at Springside Elementary

Keeping our Students Safe Online

Springside Elementary uses technology daily for student instruction. This includes student use of devices, as well as teachers accessing curriculum and resources. The influence, availability and usefulness of the Internet is consistently growing. At the same time, damaging and inappropriate uses are also growing. The Springside Community Council wants to make all patrons aware of protections and procedures in place for all users at our school, as well as the technology resources available to students.

Filtering

- Alpine School District uses the UEN recommended iBoss content filtering system and monitors use.
 - The filter works by categorizing known internet content and then allowing the district to block inappropriate categories such as pornography, social networking, gambling, weapons, adult content, gaming, etc. Many sites remain uncategorized, so they are automatically blocked on the student network.
 - The filter also has a list of keywords that will create a block if used in searching or if the keyword is in the Internet address.
- Springside has three networks: staff (district or school owned staff devices), student (district or school owned student devices), and guest (all personal devices). The guest network has the same rule set as the student network.
- Elementary computer labs have a special login for K-2 users, which limits use to sites directed by the teacher. 3-6th grade users are given unique logins and passwords to access the student network.
- Teachers are trained to monitor students whenever they are online, either electronically or by walking around the classroom. Students are not allowed to use devices or to access any Internet content without adult permission and supervision. This applies to personal devices as well as school owned devices.
- When inappropriate content is accessed by a student (either seemingly by accident or on purpose), the student or students will be removed from the situation and the school principal or administration will be notified. The device will be isolated and the Technology Department will be contacted. This allows Alpine School District to fix any issues, as well as to take appropriate measures if the Acceptable Use Policy was violated. Parents will be notified when their child has accessed inappropriate content.

Student Education

- Digital Citizenship is one of the standards addressed by elementary technology specialists. Teachers also include Digital Citizenship as part of their regular instruction. You can find some resources developed for instruction at <http://curriculum.alpineschools.org/etsa/>.
- The state of Utah provides instruction through the NetSmartz Internet safety program. This includes an assembly presented to students annually. You can find more information at utahnetsmartz.org.
- The Springside PTA sponsors White Ribbon Week to promote students' online safety and education.

Parent Education

- Many organizations provide information for parents to help students stay safe when online. These include:
<http://www.utahpta.org/netsafety> <http://www.netsafeutah.org/> <http://utahnetsmartz.org/>

Technology Equipment

- Technology is a tool used for instruction and does not replace instruction. We believe students should have access to this tool and to other tools that enhance learning. For your information, the following devices and equipment are available to students at Springside:
 - 40 MacMini computers in the computer lab
 - 80 Chromebooks on three mobile carts for use in grades 3-6
 - 80 additional Chromebooks provided through Trustlands for 2016-17
 - 72 iPad minis in lower grade classrooms
 - Document cameras and 70 inch television screens in every classroom
 - 35 iPads for teacher instruction