



Morton Community Unit School District 709

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Student Safety Tips

Internet Safety

Each district iPad is set up with a filter for the internet. You can verify the filter is associated with the device by going into the Settings>General>Profiles and looking for a profile named Dist-Proxy. If you've updated to iOS 8, then the Dist-Proxy profile will be in the MDM Profile/V_2, under "More Details". This profile routes all internet traffic from the iPad through our web filter no matter where it connects to the internet.

The district uses Sophos Web Security system for its filtering. While it is a robust filter, no web filter is 100% accurate when it comes to preventing unwanted traffic. For the reason, the district highly recommends parents treat the device as if it has no filter at all. This means:

- Students should only use the iPads in public areas of the home.
- Parents should frequently check the content on the iPad, including the browser history.
- Parents should add extra restrictions they feel are appropriate for the age and maturity of their child.

In addition to preventing inappropriate content, it is also important to make sure students don't post personal information to public sites. Much of the content produced on the iPads is stored to the cloud, so it is important to make sure that where the information is being stored is protected by username and password.

Checking the Browser History

To check the browser history on the iPad, open Safari. In the upper left corner of the screen, you'll see a blue arrow that points to the left, hold your finger on it until the history drop down appears. If your child is not being cooperative with providing the iPad's PIN so you can view the content, or you think your child is hiding their history, you can contact the school for help.

Setting Additional Restrictions

It is possible to set additional restrictions on the iPad. This can be done in the Settings>General>Restrictions. To Enable Restrictions, select Enable Restrictions. You'll be prompted to enter a 4-digit PIN. The district will not have access to this, so if you forget this PIN the only way to remove the restrictions is to reset the device to factory settings.

Using restrictions, you can shut off access to certain features of the iPad. These features include, Safari, Camera, iTunes Store, Installing Apps, Deleting Apps, In-App Purchases, AirDrop and CarPlay. You can also further restrict content for Movies, TV Shows, Apps and the Game Center. After setting the restrictions, navigating away from that Restrictions page saves the restrictions and the restrictions can only be changed by someone who knows the PIN.

Since the district uses some of these features for classroom instruction, certain features should not be restricted when the device is at school. Safari, Camera and AirDrop should be enabled during the school day. Installing and deleting apps can be restricted as long as they can be disabled at night to install required apps.

If you have questions or concerns related to your child and restrictions, please contact the school and they can work with you to help provide the security you need.