



Overview: Safeguarding Your Students on the Internet

Course Description:

The Internet connects computers through a global network and allows information to be shared and accessed by billions of people. There is a wealth of knowledge to be gained from the Internet; this “international community” provides various data such as news from around the world, the latest celebrity gossip, and current medical research. However, surfing the Internet can also have a downside. Once personal information is presented online, it is available for other users to access. This accessibility can become dangerous if the information ends up in the wrong hands. That is why Internet Safety is very important for parents, teachers and students. This course will provide tips on monitoring and tracking Internet usage, blocking and filtering inappropriate websites, minimizing online exploitation and understanding the digital language used in chat rooms.

Objectives:

- Explore strategies to reduce online exploitation of students
- Understand the digital language used in chat rooms
- Learn ways to monitor and track Internet usage
- Discover how to block and filter inappropriate websites

Materials:

- Internet connected computer
- ClassLink username and password

ISTE-NETS Standards Connection:

4. Promote and Model Digital Citizenship and Responsibility

Teachers understand local and global societal issues and responsibilities in an evolving digital culture and exhibit legal and ethical behavior in their professional practices. Teachers:

- a) advocate, model, and teach safe, legal, and ethical use of digital information and technology, including respect for copyright, intellectual property, and the appropriate documentation of sources.
- b) address the diverse needs of all learners by using learner-centered strategies providing equitable access to appropriate digital tools and resources.
- c) promote and model digital etiquette and responsible social interactions related to the use of technology and information.
- d) develop and model cultural understanding and global awareness by engaging with colleagues and students of other cultures using digital-age communication and collaboration tools.