HOME FILTERING & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Providing parents a few suggestions to provide parental controls and filtering on their child's iPad while at home, in addition to the filtering already in place by the district. Here are a few suggestions:

The preferred approach for parental controls of student devices is to filter and control Internet access using your home network. There are three main approaches to this - you may choose the approach that works best for your family:

1. **Use your router's built-in parental controls** - This is generally the lowest-cost method and is built into most routers. Please see the link for the manufacturer of your home router for more information:
2. **Use a web-based service** such as OpenDNS - This may be an effective option if your router does not have built-in parental controls.
3. **Purchase a standalone product** that plugs into your network such as Circle by Disney or Bark. When choosing a product, please ensure that the product does not require installation onto the iPad.
4. **Screen Time** tool that is built into the settings on the student's iPad. This Internet access for student devices is filtered while at school. Students in kindergarten through Grade 4 have access to the Safari web browser with access only to pre-approved educational websites at all times, regardless of what network students are on. For grade 5-9 students, Internet access is also filtered using Apple's built-in "Limit Adult Content" filters. For students in grade 10 and above, Internet access at home is not filtered, due to the wide range of family values relating to what parents and caregivers wish to allow their children to access while at home. This page is intended to provide some basic information for parents who wish to implement parental controls and filtering on their child's device while at home.

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There are a number of approaches available for parents who wish to implement parental controls on their child's devices. However, in order prevent conflicts with the District's management system and to prevent required functionality from being unintentionally disabled during the school day, **no parental controls may be used that require installation on the device itself.**

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1. **Use your router's built-in parental controls** - This is generally the lowest-cost method and is built into most routers but in some cases the setup may be involved. Please see the link for the manufacturer of your home router for more information:
   - Apple AirPort
   - Cisco
   - D-Link
   - Linksys
   - Netgear
2. **Use a web-based service** such as OpenDNS - This may be an effective option if your router does not have built-in parental controls. Depending on the plan you choose, there may be a cost involved.
3. **Purchase a standalone product** that plugs into your network such as Circle by Disney - This may be the easiest option to implement, however, depending upon the product chosen, there may be a cost involved. When choosing a product, please ensure that the product does not require installation onto your child's device directly, as you will not have access to the App Store to download.

Sites to allow

The following sites are used by common school-related apps and websites: It is best practice to follow up with your student's teacher to get a more extensive list of applications and sites that are used in the classroom.

https://troyschools.schoology.com

https://ps.troy.k12.mi.us/public

https://www.troy.k12.mi.us/

https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/ePC/start.do

Set up Screen Time on iPad – Parent Guide

With Screen Time, you can set allowances and limits for your app use, schedule downtime, and more. You can change or turn off any of these settings at any time.
Set downtime

You can block apps and notifications during periods when you want time away from your devices.

1. Go to Settings ⚙ > Screen Time.

2. Tap Turn On Screen Time, tap Continue, then tap This is My iPad.

3. Tap Downtime, then turn on Downtime.

4. Select Every Day or Customize Days, then set the start and end times.

Set app limits

You can set a time limit for a category of apps (for example, Games or Social Networking) and for individual apps.

1. Go to Settings ⚙ > Screen Time.

2. If you haven't already turned on Screen Time, tap Turn On Screen Time, tap Continue, then tap This is My iPad.

3. Tap App Limits, then tap Add Limit.

4. Select one or more app categories.

   To set limits for individual apps, tap the category name to see all the apps in that category, then select the apps you want to limit. If you select multiple categories or apps, the time limit you set applies to all of them.

5. Tap Next, then set the amount of time allowed.

   To set an amount of time for each day, tap Customize Days, then set limits for specific days.

6. To set a limit for more apps or categories, tap Choose Apps, then repeat step 5.

7. When you finish setting limits, tap Add to return to the App Limits screen.

To temporarily turn off all app limits, tap App Limits on the App Limits screen. To temporarily turn off a limit for a specific category, tap the category, then tap App Limit. To remove a limit for a category, tap the category, then tap Delete Limit.

Set communication limits

You can block incoming and outgoing communication—including phone calls, FaceTime calls, and messages—from specific contacts in iCloud, either at all times or during certain periods.

1. If you haven't already turned on Contacts in iCloud, go to Settings ⚙ > [*your name*] > iCloud, then turn on Contacts.

2. Go to Settings ⚙ > Screen Time.

3. If you haven't already turned on Screen Time, tap Turn On Screen Time, tap Continue, then tap This is My iPad.

4. Tap Communication Limits, then do any of the following:

   o *Limit communication at any time:* Tap During Screen Time, then select Contacts Only, Contacts & Groups with at Least One Contact, or Everyone.

   o *Limit communication during downtime:* Tap During Downtime. The option you selected for During Screen Time is already set here. You can change this setting to Specific Contacts.

   If you select Specific Contacts, tap either Choose From My Contacts or Add New Contact to select people you want to allow communication with during downtime.

If someone who's currently blocked by your Communication Limit settings tries to call you (by phone or FaceTime), or send you a message, their communication won't go through.

If you try to call or send a message to someone who's currently blocked by your Communication Limit settings, their name or number appears in red with a Screen Time hourglass icon, and your communication won't go through. If the limit applies only to downtime, you receive a Time Limit message. You can resume communication with the contact when downtime is over.

To resume communication with contacts who are blocked by your Communication Limit settings, change the settings by following the steps above.
Choose apps you want to allow at all times

You can specify apps that you want to be able to use at any time (for example, in the event of an emergency), even during downtime.

1. Go to Settings ⚙ > Screen Time.

2. If you haven't already turned on Screen Time, tap Turn On Screen Time, tap Continue, then tap This is My iPad.

3. Tap Always Allowed, then tap ➕ or ➖ next to an app to add or remove it from the Allowed Apps list.

Set content and privacy restrictions

You can block inappropriate content and set restrictions for iTunes Store and App Store purchases.

1. Go to Settings > Screen Time.

2. If you haven't already turned on Screen Time, tap Turn On Screen Time, tap Continue, then tap This is My iPad.

3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions, turn on Content & Privacy Restrictions, then tap options to set content allowances for iTunes Store and App Store purchases, app use, content ratings, and so on.

    You can also set a passcode that's required before changing settings.