

MS Laptops

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Taipei American School, we take student safety and responsible technology use seriously. To support a safe, balanced, and meaningful learning environment, we've embedded **digital citizenship**, **online safety**, and **wellness** into our curriculum and implemented key safeguards on student laptops. These elements work together to help protect students online, promote positive digital habits, and support learning—both at school and at home. Here are some of the safeguards currently in place on Middle School student laptops.

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Lightspeed Filter Agent

MS student devices have a Lightspeed Filter Agent installed. This ensures the school's web filtering policies are applied both on and off campus. Installation of a VPN is not allowed.

What is blocked?

Websites and Extensions not aligned with our educational goals are blocked to help students stay focused and safe online. Some of the blocked categories are: social media, gaming, IM forums, mature content, AI Tools, advertising, and those that are identified as security risks.

YouTube is allowed for educational use.

Filtering Settings at Home

Adults may request changes to off-campus filtering settings by going to:

<https://bit.ly/MSLaptops>

If access to a blocked site is needed for a class, please have them ask their teacher.

Passwords

MS students should share their school password with their parents/guardians, which can then be used to access our school's LMS, Canvas.

Admin Access

TAS retains admin access

To maintain device security and prevent unauthorized changes, TAS retains admin rights on MS student devices. This ensures system integrity, reduces tech issues, and supports a safe learning environment.

Request Admin Access Support

If a program or setting change is required by the family, TAS can assist. Occasionally, families do request their own admin access. When admin rights are shared, the password and account are for **adult use only**. Students should not have access to the password and may not use admin access while at school.

Additional Software

In an enduring commitment to learning, we strive for a focused learning environment. Preventing the installation and launch of personal apps on school devices helps eliminate the chance of distracting, inappropriate, or unsafe apps.

If you would like to install your own parental software (e.g., Qustodio), please contact **parent-techsupport@tas.edu.tw**.