

Location:
Nashville, TN

Industry:
Education

Solution:
iPrism Web Filter

"Before iPrism, teachers and the IT department had to manually monitor student Internet use. This took away from learning as our staff had to constantly look over kids' shoulders. Now, iPrism does the work for us, and in turn has also cleared up our bandwidth throughput by preventing access to video-streaming sites."

Matt Powers
Information system director
Harding Academy

Overview

Located in Nashville, TN, Harding Academy is home to nearly 500 students in grades K-8. As technology and the Internet continued to permeate the curriculum, Matt Powers, Information Systems Director, began to receive reports about pupils accessing inappropriate material. In addition, he also noticed the network's bandwidth being compromised due to frequent visits to video download and sport sites. In order to crack down on non-educational Web use and increase throughput, Harding Academy needed a robust Web filtering tool that required minimal hands-on maintenance.

Challenge

As teachers increasingly integrated the use of computers into student's research and coursework, they quickly discovered that students were viewing non-educational, and sometimes inappropriate, content. To help manage this problem, staff was forced to police online activity, which began to distract focus from classroom learning.

In addition, Matt had to investigate every suspicious online incident individually, a cumbersome process that often consumed up to three hours of his time. Frequent visits to video-download and sporting sites also challenged Harding Academy's bandwidth availability.

The school required a reliable Web filtering solution to optimize its network and prevent access to inappropriate material.

Solution

After researching several options, Harding Academy chose St. Bernard's iPrism based on its affordable total cost of ownership and ease of deployment, configuration and maintenance.

As a dedicated appliance, iPrism does not require any additional hardware or software and is easy to install and administer. As Matt is the only IT resource on staff, these features eliminated a time-consuming deployment and enabled Matt to be up and running within minutes. In addition, iPrism's intuitive Web interface control panel allows Matt to configure the settings from any location on campus.

Matt has also noticed that students are more focused and productive because of iGuard™, the 100% human-reviewed URL database that powers iPrism. This industry-only feature receives automatic updates, ensuring the filtering of all inappropriate URLs accordingly. Its flexibility also allows Matt to easily whitelist certain sites when appropriate.

Result

Since implementing iPrism, Matt can focus on more proactive tasks, such as training school staff and troubleshooting more pressing IT issues. Teachers no longer have to play 'detective' for students misusing the Internet connection, which gives them more time to teach and helps students concentrate on their school work without distraction. Harding Academy, which has limited resources, also found that it did not have to hire additional staff to attend to IT demands thanks to iPrism.

Lastly, iPrism's superior bandwidth management eliminated the need to purchase another T1 line, which would have cost Harding an extra \$1,000 month.

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