

Location:
New York, NY

Industry:
Education

Solution:
iPrism Web Filter

"iPrism helped us gain control of our IT network on a budget that schools can afford. Built on a hardware appliance, iPrism provides the most stable performance and reliability to protect our students from Internet-based threats and online predators"

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Overview

Yeshiva University High School For Girls (YUHSG), part of Yeshiva University High Schools in New York City, consists of nearly 300 young women in grades 9-12. When administrators at YUHSG discovered that students were visiting Web sites unrelated to their educational research, including MySpace.com, hi5, Jdate and Match, they realized they needed to take action. In an effort to protect students from online predators, as well as safeguard the network from Internet-based threats, the school decided to implement a solution that would ensure the students were utilizing the Internet for educational material and online coursework only.

Challenge

Previously, YUHSG had been employing an open Internet policy and students were on the honor system when using computers on campus. Social networking sites like MySpace.com have continued to grow in popularity among the estimated 48 million Internet users that are school-age children (5-17 years old), but they are also causing some serious concern for educational institutions. These sites are not only a distraction in an educational environment, but they also open the door for online predators to view profiles, personal information and photos of students.

Instant Messaging (IM) and Peer-to-Peer (P2P) file sharing were also a popular hobby for students at the school. These activities present possible legal liabilities and put YUHSG at risk for Internet-based threats, viruses and malware. In order to avoid any security or legal implications associated with students communicating on social networking sites, IM and P2P networks, the high school needed a solution to easily and quickly filter inappropriate Web access.

Solution

After evaluating multiple solutions, YUHSG selected EdgeWave's iPrism to report and monitor its students' online activities. The dedicated hardware appliance was selected based on its simple installation and configuration, ability to update nightly, option to override certain Web sites, and its integration with Microsoft Active Directory.

Another benefit seen by YUHSG was that face that iPrism requires no additional software or hardware, which saved the IT staff the financial burden of having to deploy additional servers or software. The ease of installation, configuration and maintenance allows YUHSG IT staff the freedom to work on other projects and not worry about the day-to-day management of its filtering solution.

In addition, YUHSG was greatly impressed by iGuard, the 100% human reviewed URL database that powers iPrism. iGuard analysts work around the clock reviewing URLs to ensure that every database update to the iPrism includes the latest sites, accurately categorized. Other solutions that YUHSG looked at claimed to use human review, but under further investigation, only a fraction of the URLs in their databases were reviewed in this way.

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Result

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