

## Websense for Education K-12

### Keep More than a Click Ahead of Savvy Students

Thousands of schools and libraries rely on Websense® to provide a safe and productive learning environment for students and faculty. With accurate security filtering to handle uncategorized sites and user-generated content, safe search capabilities, and flexible policy setting, Websense solutions provide administrators, rather than IT experts, with the ability to create and enforce security policies across school districts.

### Challenges Facing the Education Market

As more and more schools use the Internet as part of their core curriculum, educational providers must implement security measures, not just filtering, to protect students from malicious threats, child predators, and inappropriate content or offensive emails. Installing Websense security solutions can reduce exposure and help to mitigate potential legal risks and parental concerns, and can preserve network resources by controlling access to bandwidth-intensive sites.

#### Managing Security Risks While Enabling Educators

Every day, Web-savvy students circumvent district policy with Web-based proxies and anonymizers to access their favorite Web 2.0 site like YouTube or MySpace.

Websense can help school administrators to transparently monitor, report and manage the Internet activities of minors to identify policy violators quickly.

Administrators, rather than IT experts, can customize Internet access policies by user,

group, workstation, or network, to enable flexible use of Web, email and IM without over blocking safe, enriching content.

Unlike traditional security or basic URL filtering solutions, the Websense ThreatSeeker™ Network provides Websense unparalleled visibility into the state of content on the Internet to protect schools and libraries against emerging threats.

### Controlling Costs without Sacrificing Security:

MP3s, streaming video, and online chats require a great deal of bandwidth and can seriously affect a network's speed and performance. Websense allows schools to control access to social networking sites or sites with bandwidth-intensive content to improve overall network performance. And with Websense Hosted Web or Websense Hosted Email Security, a single administrator can manage all users across large and small school districts from a centralized system—saving valuable time and money.

### Thousands of Schools and Libraries Rely on Websense for Web and Email Security

The Bellevue School District relies on Websense to help reduce risks for its approximately 16,850 students and 2,000 adult staff members spanning 16 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, 4 high schools, and 2 alternative schools in the state of Washington.

“We have a lot of these very technically oriented kids with a lot of time on their hands. They were good, very good, and they were going everywhere and doing everything on our network. We had limited security,” says Mark Choi, Manager of Instructional Technology at the Bellevue School District. “We wanted something that could stop the majority of the kids and allow us to have control over our networks so we could make sure that inappropriate material and malicious content was not coming through.”

Bellevue School District chose to implement Websense Web Security over other evaluated security products due to its simplified user interface, detailed database repository, and ability to filter by Web content, URLs, online protocols, and productivity groups. With Websense Web Security, Bellevue was able to control network performance and manage network bandwidth, as well as dramatically improve productivity by extending its security policy management and administrator controls to additional IT staff members.

“It’s nice to be able to fire up the Websense dashboard and quickly glance at which services are down, what’s working, or whether there’s a huge spike in traffic, and to be able to see that very, very quickly.”

**Mark Choi**

Manager of Instructional Technology  
Bellevue School District

## Websense Global Technical Support

With operations around the globe, Websense Global Technical Support provides organizations with the support services required to manage the risks of dynamic Web and email applications, helps ensure safe and productive use of the Internet and provides Essential Information Protection for mission critical systems.

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## Compliance Concerns Continue

Schools are facing changing business requirements, especially from increasing accountability mandates that require more-granular reports forwarded to federal, state, and local governmental oversight agencies. Libraries and schools that receive federal funding under the "E-rate" program are subject to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Under CIPA, schools and libraries must certify that they can block or filter pictures that are obscene, contain child pornography, or content that is harmful to minors. Schools must also adopt a policy to monitor the online activities of minors and provide for the safety and security of minors when using the Web, email, chat rooms, and any other form of electronic communications. These regulations require schools and libraries to protect children from dangerous or inappropriate content, and ensure the privacy of student education records.

## Essential Information Protection for Education Providers

Whether on-premise or hosted, Websense security solutions are easy to manage, will block access to inappropriate content, monitor usage, and provide operational efficiency by preserving network resources. With Essential Information Protection,<sup>™</sup> educational providers can understand and control:

- **WHO** can go where
- **WHAT** information is sensitive and must be protected
- **HOW** information can be exchanged
- **WHERE** information can be sent

### Essential Information Protection Portfolio

#### Web Security

Helps manage Web use to promote a safe learning environment, enforce school policy, and block Web-based threats at the source to prevent unnecessary risks and exposure for students and faculty

- Enforce acceptable use policies to create a safe learning environment and prevent inappropriate use of the Internet by students or staff
- Enable school administrators—not IT experts—to control and enforce security policy
- Enables safe search to block inappropriate images within search engines
- Demonstrate compliance with Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

#### Messaging Security

Blocks exposure to spam, viruses and outbound data leaks to help schools and libraries enforce acceptable use policies and preserve valuable IT resources

- Protect students from exposure to inappropriate email content (spam, porn, etc.) or child predators
- Enable school administrators, rather than IT experts, to control spam and email viruses and enforce policy across multiple schools from a central location
- Enables safe search to block inappropriate images within search engines
- Help prevent data loss over email and safeguard student and faculty privacy during transit



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