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Manage Student Mobile Devices with Netsweeper

Implementing 1:1 student mobile computing programs to support eLearning initiatives is exciting. However, providing students with web-enabled devices that typically leave school premises also presents a series of challenges.

Netsweeper now provides a platform specifically designed to manage Internet access for student mobile programs. When deployed, this platform will enable school authorities to:

- Enable IT staff to control the use of devices from centralized management source

- Initiate program without added investment in hardware, software or IT resources

- Limit risk of liability by managing student Internet usage both on and off network

- Report on all Internet use occurring on devices to validate appropriate use and justify program investment

- Ensure Internet borne viruses and other malicious applications do not infect and impede the ongoing performance of these devices

- Comply with CIPA and retain E-Rate funding qualification

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Netsweeper Student Mobile Platform

● **Netsweeper Policy Server**
Core system level management platform hosted at Netsweeper's data facility enables the creation of student access policies and will process URL request decisions.

● **Netsweeper Centralised Administration**
IT staff will manage the use of all student devices through WebAdmin, a single, web-based administrative application.

● **Installed Netsweeper Client Filter**
The Netsweeper client filter application intercepts all URL requests, regardless of where device connects to the Internet.

● **Netsweeper Reporter Module**
Accessible through WebAdmin, granular data provides detailed reporting capabilities on all Internet usage.

Intelligent Web Filtering ™

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Netsweeper Filtering of Education

- Filter and/or block Internet sites from Internet threats such as spyware, phishing and malicious applications
- Manage all Internet use in an education district from a central management system
- Enforce appropriate Internet use and limit access to non-education related sites
- Block access to anonymous proxies
- Access logs for monitoring usage
- Create and customize multiple levels of student access with specific profiles to reflect student, grade, class or school use
- On-demand categorization technology
- Centralised administration for policy management and reporting

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The Benefits of Filtering Student Mobile Devices

Promotes a safe, productive and rich educational experience

Filtering student Internet access with Netsweeper will ensure inappropriate and harmful content is not accessible while promoting use compliance and a richer educational experience. Further, prohibiting access to websites that are deemed of little educational value, such as social networking or gambling, will ensure students remain on task.

Additionally, solicitation while using online sites is a major concern as it poses as a liability issue when providing students with mobile technology. Ensuring such an event does not happen is the first line of defence when mitigating the risk of liability.

Enabling teachers access control ensures appropriate use

Netsweeper enables IT managers to delegate the day-to-day administration of Internet access policies to named staff on the ground floor. This approach empowers teachers to ensure they, and the students themselves, have access to the sites needed to fulfill curriculum projects. With administration permissions, teachers can also determine when Internet access should be permitted such that students are not distracted during important instructional hours.

Protect mobile devices and preserve performance with filtering

As students scour the Internet uncontrolled, they run the risk of encountering sites that contain viruses or other malicious applications which will not only affect the performance of the devices, but could potentially harm school networks when they reconnect. Netsweeper will filter and block viruses, spyware, phishing and other forms of malware from compromising the usability of these remote devices and the core network.